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Israel preparing reply to U.S. plan

TEL AVIV, March 20 (AP) — Israel Sunday began preparing its response to new U.S. proposals for resolving the Lebanon crisis which it will deliver to presidential envoy Philip Habib.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir was due to meet Habib later Sunday to report on the initial reaction to the ideas for an agreement on the withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin's cabinet briefly discussed Lebanon developments, and senior policymakers were deliberating through the day to prepare for the Habib meeting.

The Israelis imposed a news blackout on their discussions, and Israel radio reported that even the cabinet was not fully informed of the proposal package.

Shamir reported on his talks in Washington last week that laid the groundwork for the U.S. ideas, but no decisions were taken, said Cabinet Secretary Dan Meridor.

Cop collected death 'bonus'

PARIS, March 20 (AFP) — Police inspector Joseph Aouizerat, 46, earned extra money outside the service by acting illegally as a tip-off agent for a firm of undertakers.

A Paris court heard that inspector Aouizerat was paid 100 francs (\$15) for each death he reported to the firm in the Vincennes area outside Paris. He "supplied" the firm with over 50 bodies in two years. He was fined 6,000 francs (\$850).

Moscow signals new move on M.E.

MOSCOW, March 20 (R) — The Soviet Union has signaled a new move in the Middle East by announcing it has agreed to sign a friendship treaty with Libya, the United States' most bitter foe in the region.

The surprise announcement came in a communiqué after a visit by Abdul Salam Jalloud, right-hand man to Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi.

The joint communiqué said the two sides had reached understanding in principle on a treaty of friendship and cooperation. Although this still leaves much room for maneuver on the exact wording of the treaty, Western diplomats said the announcement, unusual before the actual signing of an accord, was a symbolic gesture to the Arab world.

But they said it risked an involvement in the Middle East which the Soviet Union had apparently been trying to avoid and was probably the result of Libyan pressure plus the fear that the United States was gradually dominating the area.

The Soviet press has attacked American involvement in the multinational peacekeeping force in Lebanon, accusing Washington of conniving with Israel to secure a base for its Rapid Deployment Force (RDF).

Moscow already has a tripartite treaty with Iraq and South Yemen and a treaty with Syria. Soviet SAM-5 anti-aircraft missiles were sent to Syria in January, according to the U.S. Defense Department, following the reports in the official Soviet press that Israel was planning to attack Syria.

The move appeared at the time to be a clear signal that the Soviet Union intended to stick by the understood obligations of its friendship treaty and not let Damascus be threatened.

However, some Western diplomats in Moscow said the treaty had proved an embarrassment because the Soviet Union had been anxious to avoid the risk of direct confrontation with the U.S. or Israel and delayed aid to Syria for that reason.

A treaty with Libya would directly link Moscow with one of the Arab world's most unpredictable states and would not ease attempts to improve relations with Egypt.

On the other hand any symbol of solidarity with the Arab cause could be interpreted favorably in many Middle Eastern capitals, diplomats said.

A treaty with Libya, though unlikely to tie either side down to concrete commitments, would at least give Moscow a right to expect to be consulted about major developments in the region, the diplomats said.

The Soviet Union's earlier friendship and cooperation treaties with Egypt and Somalia were unilaterally revoked and it still has no ambassador in Cairo.

Diplomats said that despite recent fresh moves to improve relations with Egypt, these were still at such an early stage that they could hardly be expected to dominate the Soviet Union's overall Middle East policy.

Saturday night's treaty announcement and the decision to supply Syria with military aid were the first significant steps in the Middle East by the new Soviet leadership under Yuri Andropov and appeared to indicate that Moscow was showing the Arabs it was interested in their problems, according to the diplomats.

Reagan hints at summit parley with Andropov



LONDON, March 20 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan has told a British journalist that he might meet this year with Soviet leader Yuri Andropov and that he is not setting any conditions.

The president told Henry Brandon of the *Sunday Times* of London that he is in touch with the Soviet government and is seeking to determine issues for discussion so that any meeting will benefit both sides.

Brandon reported: "Reagan said the much-criticized speech he delivered recently in Orlando, Florida, in which he gave the impression that reconciliation between the two superpowers would be impossible because they represented a confrontation between good and evil, had been misinterpreted."

"What he wanted to point out was not the inevitability of war but simply that people must recognize there were differences between the two countries, face up to them and be realistic about them."

Brandon, who is retiring after 30 years as Washington correspondent of the *Sunday Times*, met with the president last Friday (March 18) in the Oval Office of the White House.

Reagan said "there are no immediate plans" for a meeting with Andropov, adding: "but we are in touch constantly, seeking areas of discussions for a meeting that could be beneficial to both sides."

When Brandon said: "But you're not making any preconditions?" Reagan replied: "That's right. You never plan such a meeting with a precondition. You can only determine in advance the subjects that should be discussed, to be certain there will be some significant results."

Brandon said Reagan answered his questions fluently, "expect when I asked him about reports — which have greatly disturbed the British government — that the administration is preparing to resume arms sales to Argentina. He thought for a moment, then said the subject had not been brought to his attention."

When Brandon asked him whether he might "put pressure on Israel to call a halt to new settlements on the West Bank, Reagan said this problem should be resolved by negotiations."

The president said he is "optimistic" that all foreign forces will eventually withdraw from Lebanon. When that is accomplished, King Hussein of Jordan "will offer himself as the negotiator to continue the peace negotiations involving all the other Middle East problems," the president said.

As others cut prices

OPEC accord under strain

NEW YORK, March 20 (AP) — The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' historic agreement to cut prices 15 percent is less than a week old, and already it may be out of date.

Some oil exporters outside OPEC, including Egypt and the Soviet Union, have cut their prices below the \$29 a barrel set by OPEC last Monday and many oil industry officials expect Britain to cut its \$30.50 price soon, perhaps below OPEC's rate.

The result could be a new crack in OPEC's price system, and thus lower energy prices in oil-importing nations.

Believe consumers would see substantial savings at the gasoline pump if the average price of crude oil dropped below the new level of \$29 a barrel.

Besides cutting its base price, OPEC said it would limit its overall production to 17.5 million barrels a day as an average for the rest of 1983. Also, all members agreed to abide by a national quota for oil production. The idea was to limit sales in order to dry up the oil glut.

The driving force behind OPEC's agreement was an overwhelming desire to prevent a price war and, in the longer run, to revive demand. It was the dropoff in demand in recent years that helped push prices low.

The latest OPEC accord will stabilize oil prices only if all members comply with their quotas, if non-OPEC producers don't undercut the agreement, and if demand increases," said Edward Yardeni, chief economist at Prudential-Bache Securities.

Despite the shaky state of the agreement, few analysts are ready to declare the OPEC deal dead. There are too many unknown and unpredictable pieces in the oil-price puzzle to say with confidence that prices will continue falling, or that OPEC will fold.

Unknown is the buying plans of oil companies, which have been taking oil from stockpiles recently instead of buying it from OPEC or on the open market. They stayed away from contract purchases because they believed prices would come down. As a result, the demand for OPEC oil kept falling, pulling prices down.

If the psychology of buyers remains the same, prices could fall further. The price of oil on the spot market — where individual cargoes are sold to the highest bidder — has been little changed since OPEC's agreement.

Greek newspaper owner murdered

ATHENS, March 20 (R) — The owner of a right-wing newspaper has been shot dead in Athens, sparking off a row between the right-wing opposition and the government.

Opposition leader Evangelos Averof immediately termed the killing of 71-year-old George Athanasiades a political murder. But a government spokesman accused him of prejudging the issue. Athanasiades was killed in his office at the newspaper *Vradini* Saturday night by a gunman.

As an angry crowd of opponents of the Socialist government, which *Vradini* had bitterly attacked, gathered outside the newspaper offices, Averof, leader of the New Democracy Party which Athanasiades supported, said that "in all probability this was a political murder."

He added that "the government has grave responsibilities because some of its members have created a climate of hatred among the Greek people."

But the government spokesman said that by making a political issue of the killing, Averof "is not respecting the independence of the police enquiry, or the memory of his dead friend, to whom he owed much."

Sources at the newspaper said a man around 30 called at the *Vradini* office near Athens' Central Omonia Square Saturday evening and asked to speak to the owner. He was admitted to Athanasiades' first-floor office but left shortly afterward.

When he came back he was carrying a bag. He was heard arguing with Athanasiades who at one point said "things like that don't happen, my dear friend." Then shots were heard.

Athanasiades' friend Vangelis Kourlibinis, who had been with him when the killer first arrived, rushed back into the office where the gunman shot him.

Libyan envoy's daughter missing

LONDON, March 20 (Agencies) — The 17-year-old daughter of the financial attaché at the Libyan Embassy here has disappeared Friday after making a mysterious telephone call to her home, Scotland Yard said Sunday.

A Yard spokesman said the disappearance of Amal Muhammad Sharif, daughter of Muhammad Hadi Sharif, a financial attaché at the Libyan Embassy in London, is a "complete mystery."

The spokesman, who cannot be named under British police rules, said the girl was last seen at 1 p.m. Friday when she was returning with her mother and sister to their home in Ealing, West London, from a shopping expedition.

To resume talks today EEC fails to agree on EMS realignment

BRUSSELS, March 20 (R) — European Economic Community finance ministers failed to agree on compromise proposals to reshuffle the European Monetary System Sunday and will consult their governments before resuming talks Monday, the West German finance minister and president of the council said.

West German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg said official foreign exchange trading in the eight currencies of the EMS exchange rate mechanism would be suspended to avoid chaos on the markets when the meeting resumed early Monday.

Stoltenberg told a news conference that two days of intensive bargaining between the

10 finance ministers had failed to find a formula for a reshuffle of EMS currencies which would end the recent turmoil on foreign exchange markets.

The talks, marred by sharp differences between Paris and Bonn, centered on an upward shift in the powerful West German mark and devaluations of the French franc and other weak currencies, diplomats said. The West German minister had proposed a compromise accord involving a revaluation of around five percent of the mark and a devaluation of the French franc of two to 2.5 percent, coupled with moves of several other currencies.

The West German minister said that some governments had accepted the compromise but others had not been able to do so without full consultations with their governments. Stoltenberg said he was hopeful that agreement could be reached on that basis Monday.

"The compromise has not yet been accepted by everyone. But that is not the same as saying it is unacceptable," he said.

French Finance Minister Jacques Delors, who Saturday threatened to pull France out of the system if a settlement was not reached said he was returning to Paris for talks with President Francois Mitterrand.

He declined to say why ministers had failed to reach an accord Monday.

Belgium's Willy de Clercq, whose insistence that Belgian currency should not be devalued alongside the French franc had earlier prompted criticism from Delors, said he was hopeful that the ministers could conclude a deal Monday. "We must save the European Monetary System. Therefore there must be an agreement," De Clercq told journalists, adding that the currency stability provided by the system was essential for the well-being of Europe's economy.

Stoltenberg said that in Monday's trading the eight currencies would float freely. Central banks would not have to keep their currencies within prescribed limits, he said.

Several ministers said they hoped for a settlement before the summit of community leaders starting Monday afternoon, but most were careful to say they were hopeful rather than optimistic. Some diplomats said the main obstacle to an agreement was the present uncertainty in the French government, heightened this morning by the resignation of Trade Minister Michel Jobert.

parties on almost all major domestic issues. But the vital questions of foreign policy and national security still had to be resolved, he said.

Strauss has demanded a top cabinet post to reflect his party's electoral strength — the CSU took the FDP's place as second largest coalition partner in the Bundestag (lower house) but he has also indicated that he would be content to remain state prime minister in Bavaria, so long as his party secured strong influence on future government policy.

The key area is foreign affairs, where Strauss is demanding changes in policies favored by Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the foreign minister and FDP leader.

He particularly wants a tougher line against the Soviet Union and a more anti-Communist stance throughout Africa.

Jobert quits amid signs of reshuffle

PARIS, March 20 (R) — France's Foreign Trade Minister Michel Jobert announced Sunday he had resigned from the Socialist administration of President Francois Mitterrand as signs mounted that a major government reshuffle was imminent.

In a statement issued from his office, the 61-year-old Jobert who has been under fire for failing to narrow the foreign trade gap said he was stepping down because he had never been given the powers to pursue a coherent and effective policy.

The resignation of the 61-year-old Jobert, a non-Socialist who heads a centrist grouping called the Movement of Democrats, came as signs mounted that a major government reshuffle was imminent.

Finance Minister Jacques Delors, tipped by some political sources as a possible prime minister in a pared-down cabinet, announced in Brussels he was flying back to Paris Sunday afternoon because "important things" were due to happen.

Delors, regarded as a pragmatic economist who has good contacts in business circles, was attending a meeting of European Community finance ministers where he was fighting to avoid a major devaluation of the franc.

In Paris, a top aide to Delors and Budget Minister Laurent Fabius called at the Elysee Palace for a meeting with President Mitterrand. Reporters were not allowed into the palace courtyard and it was not clear if other ministers were present.

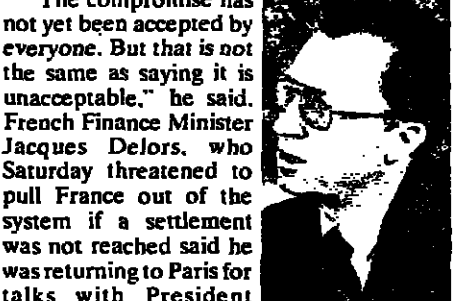
Strauss holds key to Kohl coalition

BONN, March 20 (R) — The related issues of foreign policy and the future role of controversial right-wing leader Franz Josef Strauss have emerged as the keys to the shape of a new West German government.

Although conservative Chancellor Helmut Kohl triumphed in the general election March 6, the three coalition partners are taking far longer than expected to agree on future policies and the form of a new cabinet.

Earlier this week the coalition partners — Kohl's Christian Democratic Union (CDU), its Bavarian sister party, Strauss's Christian Social Union (CSU), and the Liberal Free Democratic Party (FDP) — said negotiations would be completed by Saturday at the latest.

But when the deadline came they made a surprise announcement that they were suspending deliberations until Tuesday. Heiner Geissler, secretary general of the CDU, said there was basic agreement with the other two



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Color film depicts old, new Jeddah

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 20 — "Jeddah — old and new" is the theme of a color documentary film depicting the transformation of an ancient Islamic city into a modern metropolis, while retaining its cultural glory.

The 45-minute film has been made by the London-based Bellist Film Productions under the sponsorship of the Kingdom's Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and Jeddah Municipality.

Talking about the city, Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Saeed Farsi, an architect himself, who gave inspiration and support to the project said: "We hope the city of the future will testify and reflect a civilization of centuries which have flourished, and where the external features of towns reflected the people's stability, security and fellowship. Every city has had its pattern which it has formulated through centuries."

The 35mm color "short", made in four languages — Arabic, English, French and Italian — will help dispel the notion in some countries that "Saudi Arabia is all oil, desert and camels." This film portrays the transformation of Jeddah, once a small port city into the Kingdom's commercial metropolis with a population of over a million.

The city's population is expected to reach 1.6 million by 1990 and about 2.25 million by the end of this century," the young and energetic producer-director of the film, Yehia Abu El-Ghar told Arab News.

The film will be shown in different countries, and El-Ghar will start visiting some of them for this purpose in May this year. The film will also be sent to international film festivals.

El-Ghar came here six months ago to prepare the script. During this period he



OLD AND NEW: A color documentary film providing a striking contrast between old and new Jeddah has been made under the sponsorship of the Kingdom's Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Jeddah Municipality. Picture shows a scene in downtown Jeddah reflecting old and modern multi-story buildings.

met many persons who have contributed to the development of the city and learned how modern technology has been introduced into the city while retaining its Islamic cultural values.

The mayor himself took a keen interest in the work and gave El-Ghar assistance and encouragement. "After making all the arrangements, I came here with a five-member crew. All the work was completed in six months," El-Ghar said.

The film is a study of striking contrast between ancient and modern Jeddah. Starting with minarets, a prayer scene and the setting sun shedding its rays the documentary provides a panorama of the various developments the city has witnessed since 1947.

From 1971, the mayor started implementing his ideas about the future of the city, which saw the construction of new roads, expressways, pilgrimage facilities and the most sophisticated airport in the world.

The film shows the magnificent Corniche decorated with selected sculptures and monuments from various countries; the swimming, diving and water sports facilities at Obhor; the Islamic design of the Haj Terminal at the airport and the "souks" with "gold everywhere."

"The blowing up of an old building in downtown to be replaced by a new and

modern one, while at the same time preserving the ancient art and culture, shows the determination of the authorities to have the best of two worlds," El-Ghar added.

El-Ghar, 36, an Egyptian artist, has worked for over 10 years in various British studios and claims to be a specialist in educational and documentary films.



Jeddah Mayor Farsi

Jerusalem panel session on Aqsa slated

JEDDAH, March 20 (SPA) — Jerusalem Committee will hold an emergency meeting in Morocco on April 3 to discuss the dangerous situation emanating from repeated attacks on Al-Aqsa Mosque, the Dome of the Rock and holy shrines.

The meeting, to be held under the chairmanship of Moroccan King Hassan, is also expected to review measures to deter these attacks and ways to protect holy shrines from wanton Zionist acts. The secretary-general of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC), Habib Chanti, has sent invitation to committee members to attend the meeting.

The committee includes representatives from Saudi Arabia, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, the Palestine Liberation Organization, Iraq, Mauritania, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Iran, Guinea, Senegal and Niger. King Hassan has called for convening an urgent meeting of the OIC Jerusalem Committee following repeated attacks on Al-Aqsa and Dome of the Rock by Jewish extremists.

BRIEFS

Livestock projects approved
AHSA (SPA) — Minister of Agriculture and Water Resources Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh has approved setting up two poultry and one livestock projects amounting to SR11.6 million (nearly \$3.33 million). Ahmad Ismail, director of the Agriculture and Water Resources Ministry in Ahsa said Sunday.

SDF team in Sanaa
SANAA (SPA) — A delegation from the Saudi Development Fund (SDF) led by its President Muhammad Al-Sogair, arrived here Sunday on a three-day visit to North Yemen. During the visit, the fund will sign an SR62 million loan agreement with the North Yemeni government to finance the second phase of a water and sewage project in Sanaa city, Sogair said.

Ismail meets Ankari
RIYADH (SPA) — Sudanese Education Minister Dr. Asman Sidahmad Ismail Sunday reviewed with Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ibrahim Al-Ankari a number of issues of mutual interest. Dr. Ismail is currently on a visit to the Kingdom.

Heart disease clinic
DAMMAM — A clinic for heart diseases is scheduled to be opened at King Faisal Hospital in Riyadh to serve patients in the Eastern Province. This was reached at a meeting between Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Suwailim, director general of health affairs in the Eastern Province and Dr. Nazir Al-Fatah, director of the King Faisal Specialist Hospital, Al-Bilad reported Sunday.

Seminar to analyze impact of information technology

By K. S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 20 — Information technology is the theme on which at least 100 participants will deliberate at a one-day seminar to be organized by the Alwalid's Data Processing Services Company (DPS) at the Kandara Palace Hotel here on March 28. It will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

According to DPS Director General M. Semir Elersh, the participants, who will be mostly experts from the Kingdom's government, universities and institutions, and top company executives, will hold detailed discussions on the various aspects of information technology like computer, image, audio and communication.

The seminar, its second during the last six months, is aimed at analyzing the impact of information technology on the entire society, particularly on management, administration, manpower and other training programs and thus help the people to face the various challenges of the era and help the Kingdom's planned growth, he said.

Elersh, who holds a master's degree in statistics from the Cairo University and who started his activities in the Kingdom with the founding of the DPS information center in 1978, described it as the first specialized center of its kind in the field of information technology in Egypt which provides a wide variety of aids and services to meet the needs of information specialists in Egypt and the Arab world.

The scope of the center covers information systems and services, library and information centers, computer and computer applications, micrographics, information management and office automation.

The center publishes three periodicals and has an English and Arabic collection of 550 books, 1,500 documents and is a subscriber to 67 periodicals.

Naif chairs meeting on information

RIYADH, March 20 (SPA) — Prince Naif, the minister of interior and president of the Supreme Information Council Sunday presided over a meeting of the council during which a number of information issues were discussed.

Minister of Information and Vice Presi-



M. Semir Elersh

Its services include literature search, inquiry service, selective dissemination of information and reading room facilities with no restrictions. It also offers consulting services for establishing and developing libraries and information centers as well as theoretical and practical training in organizing, operating and managing them.

Ershad orders release of detained students

By A Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 20 — Bangladesh Chief Martial Law Administrator Gen. Ershad has ordered the release of all students and other persons taken into custody in connection with the incidents in Bangladesh on Feb. 14 and 15, according to a spokesman of the Bangladesh Embassy here.

The spokesman said the directive is a gesture of good will in view of the country's Independence Day celebration due on March 26.

dent of the council Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said that the meeting dealt with certain aspects of foreign information in its present and future stages. He added that the council referred some matters to specialized committees for further study. The council also examined a host of reports on the Kingdom's information policy.

Prayer Times

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Fajr (Dawn)	5:00	5:00	4:32	4:19	4:43	5:12
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:28	12:29	12:00	11:47	12:11	12:41
Asr (Afternoon)	3:53	3:55	3:27	3:14	3:38	4:08
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:33	6:34	6:05	5:52	6:16	6:46
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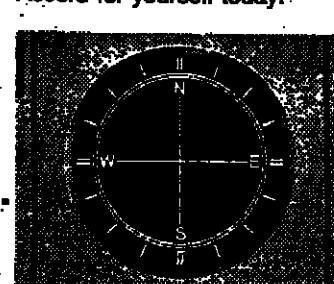
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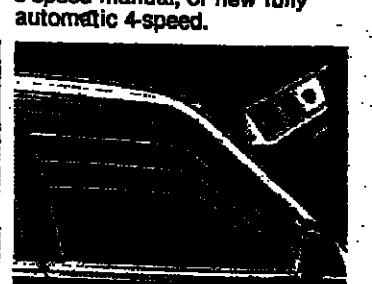
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Merchants told to use care in foreign dealings

JEDDAH, March 20 — Merchants here have been advised to use 'extreme care' in international commercial transactions and have been warned against dealing with unknown foreign traders by Abdullah Dhalan, secretary-general of the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Hotel employee status examined

JEDDAH, March 20 — The General Secretariat of the Manpower Board is scrutinizing the status of hotel employees in Saudi Arabia. *Al-Madina* reported Sunday. The staff nationalities and relative numbers are being surveyed in an attempt to have as many employees as possible replaced by Saudi Arabian nationals, according to Dr. Hussein Mansour, the board's secretary-general.

Hospital furnishing to be completed soon

HAJI, March 20 — The furnishing of the new SR300 million King Khaled Hospital here will be completed within two months, *Al-Bal* reported Sunday. Hail Health Affairs Director Muhammad Saleh Al-Arifi said that a German team will run the hospital under a five-year contract. Every section will have its own department with a national firm in charge of the maintenance.

"The chamber has created its own legal department which is now playing an effective role in solving problems between local businessmen and foreign traders," Dhalan said. "The information center has published rules and the research center economic studies which help support and guide the private sector."

Dhalan suggested that the private sector should lend its support to the positions and activities of the Gulf Cooperation Council. He said this organization is seeking to build a strong Gulf economy capable of competing favorably with Western economies.

"Toward this goal," Dhalan said, "local traders must support all companies established with Gulf capital." He singled out the Saudi-Gulf Sea Transport Company owned by founders from the Gulf and said that the firm provides necessary guarantees for all carriers.

Commenting on piracy, Dhalan said that the creation of a Gulf security agency would help protect imported commodities. He indicated that the organization would help eliminate piracy at sea and that such an agency should be supported by area transport companies.

Apicorp directors meet

ALKHOBAR, March 20 (SPA) — The board of directors of the Arab Petroleum Investment Corporation (APICORP) will hold its first meeting here on Monday under the chairmanship of Jamal Hassan Jawa, deputy governor of the Saudi Petroleum and Mineral Organization (Petromin) and the Kingdom's representative at the deliberations. The board will discuss the corporation's financial position in 1982 and its future activities.



Dr. Soliman Al Solaim

Police to stop paint violators

JEDDAH, March 20 — Public security chief Gen. Abdullah bin Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh has ordered all police, traffic and civil defense commanders to arrest the drivers of any private or commercial vehicle painted in the same color as police, traffic, civil defense or prison vehicles, *Al-Madina* reported Sunday.

The drivers of such cars will be immediately remanded in custody and their cars will be confiscated until they explain why they kept their vehicles painted in the same colors as those used by the police.

Green is used for traffic vehicles, blue for police cars, yellow for civil defense and black for prison vehicles. Saudi Arabians and expatriates had already been given notice not to use those colors, but the authorities have noticed that some of those colors were appearing again, which prompted the new warning.

Imitation of goods to be curbed

RIYADH, March 20 (SPA) — Constant efforts are being made by representatives of the Commerce Ministry to curb imitation and forgery of products and goods by discussing the problem with a number of Southeast Asian exporting countries, according to Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman Al Solaim.

In cooperation with these efforts the Republic of China has already reviewed its trademark law, which became effective last January. The law calls for five-year imprisonment, a \$1,250 fine, or both, for imitating products which have a registered trademark; for unregistered trademarks the law calls for three-year imprisonment, a \$750 fine, or both.

Dr. Solaim said he hoped that other countries will take similar measures and called on consumers to make sure that goods they buy are not imitations. Anyone selling such goods will be liable to stiff penalties.

Education bureau OKs archaeological directory

MUSCAT, March 20 (SPA) — The executive council of the Arab Gulf Education Bureau has delegated its member states director-generals to publish a directory on archaeological sites in the Arab Gulf region.

The council, at its 14th session here, stressed the importance of coordination and integration in the field of technological and vocational education among the Arab Gulf states.

It resumed its meeting Sunday to complete discussion on a draft agenda for the seventh Arab Gulf education ministers conference, due to take place in Muscat on Tuesday.

Conflicting regulations confuse city shopkeepers

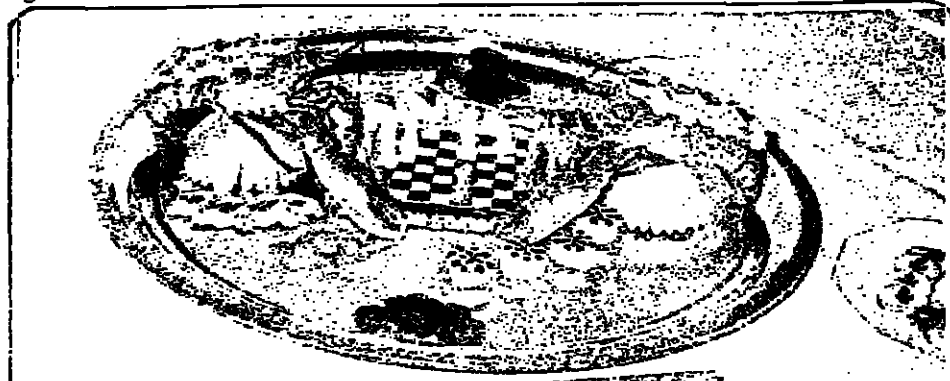
JEDDAH, March 20 — The Civil Defense Department has ordered all commercial shops here to remove their wooden facades, *Al-Madina* reported Sunday. The warning was particularly addressed to shopowners in Bab Sharif.

Shopkeepers were told not to violate the Interior Ministry's decree. The decree banned wooden decorations for commercial shops and said that they should be replaced by fire resistant substances, as a safeguard against fire and other calamities.

Earlier, Jeddah Municipality had compelled boutique owners to use wooden facades with motifs often called Mashrabias for their shops. It closed all shops which failed to follow the instructions for aesthetic reasons.

Now the Civil Defense's Safety Division has taken written promises from shopkeepers to remove these facades within no more than a month.

Shopkeepers raised the matter with Interior Ministry Prince Naif Sunday to find out which of the instructions to follow.



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Seminar on economic cooperation planned

RIYADH, March 20 — "Economic cooperation of Gulf states" will be the topic of a seminar to be held here early next year by the College of Administration in conjunction with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) General Secretariat and the Arab Institute for Planning in Kuwait.

Dr. Faiz Al-Habib, chairman of the seminar's preparation committee, told *Okaz* that the goal of the seminar will be to examine practical experiences and especially those encountered by the members of the European Common Market. He said the seminar will use experience available both in Arab countries and abroad.

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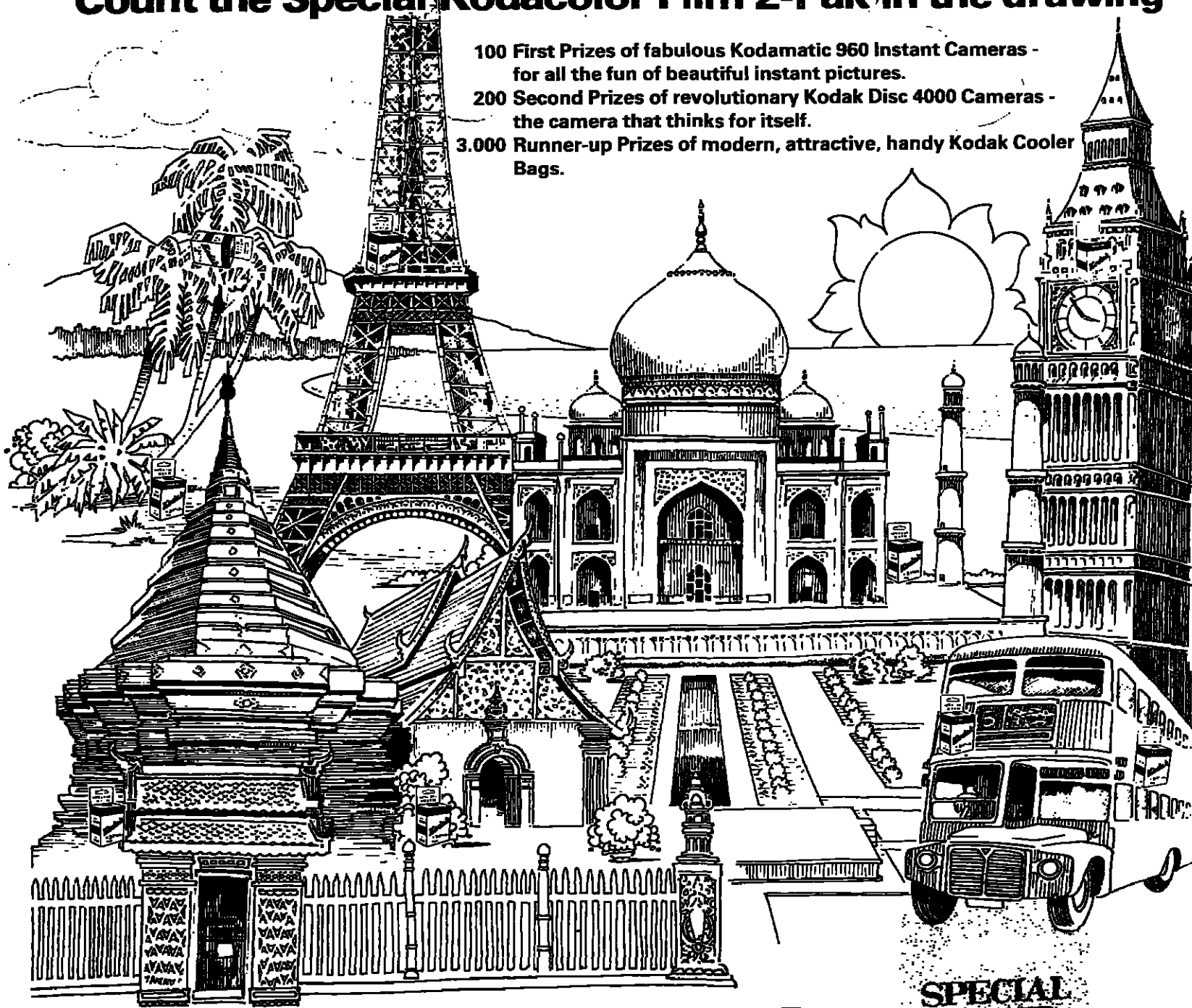
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Somalia fears Ethiopian thrust into Ogaden region

MOGADISHU, March 20 (R) — The president of Somalia has said that neighboring Ethiopia may be contemplating a military push in the disputed Ogaden border area, scene of bitter fighting last year.

"The danger still exist," President Muhammad Siad Barre told Reuters in an interview Saturday night. "The Ethiopians still have the idea of going forward. We do not have official information on when or where."

Ethiopia and Somalia have been at odds for years over parts of southern Ethiopia largely inhabited by ethnic Somalis and claimed by Somalia.

The two countries fought a war in the Ogaden border region in 1977-78, when Somalia finally withdrew its regular troops after suffering heavy losses against Ethiopian forces backed by Soviet and Cuban units.

Fighting broke out again in the region last July, and Somalia accused Ethiopian troops of attacking border towns and occupying two pockets within Somalia. Ethiopia denied this.

Speaking in the presidential compound overlooking Mogadishu, President Siad Barre said Somalia was ready to discuss an honorable settlement but negotiations could not start until Ethiopian troops evacuated what he said were positions held within Somalia.

He said possession of "huge and unnecessary amounts of Soviet weapons," explained what he called the rigidity of Marxist Ethiopia.

He ruled out his own presence in the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa, next June, when Organization of African Unity (OAU) heads of state are scheduled to hold a long-delayed summit. He did not entirely rule out that a Somali delegation might attend.

Western military supplies sent to Somalia

Israelis barred from Marine zone

BEIRUT, March 20 (AP) — An Israeli Army unit made up of two jeeps has been refused permission to patrol in an area controlled by U.S. Marines of the multinational force on the southern outskirts of Beirut, a U.S. Marine statement said.

Maj. Bill Grein of Lancaster, Ohio, said the two Israeli jeeps approached Saturday afternoon a joint Lebanese Army and U.S. Marine checkpoint east of the Lebanese University faculty of science near the Marine base at the Beirut International Airport.

The Israeli unit requested permission to patrol an area just north of the established "no go" line that runs between the Marine controlled area and the Israeli forward positions but permission was not granted by the Lebanese Army personnel on the scene, Maj. Grein said.

"The whole interaction was conducted on a military professional level and the Israeli jeeps left the area without incident," Grein said.

since last summer were far from sufficient, the president added. "We have not received what is necessary for our security," he said. The president appeared angry when it was suggested that Western states supplied him with defensive weaponry only for fear that supplies of offensive weapons would encourage him to take the war back into Ethiopia.

"We have no intention of going beyond our own frontier. We only want the means to ensure our security and it is an offense to us to say that we intend to go further. War is not a game, it is hell and we want a peaceful solution," he said.

The Somali leader brushed aside as "not serious" recent suggestions in the Western press about opposition to his rule in the north of the country. "In every nation, there are some individuals who shout. There are also certain stooges (of Ethiopia) but the north is calm, I have just been there," he said.

Battles raging, TPLF claims

JEDDAH, March 20 — Daily battles are raging between government forces and revolutionaries in Tigray in a major escalation of the military campaign being conducted by the Addis Ababa government.

The self-determination seeking organization of Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) claimed, in a communique issued here Saturday, that 642 Ethiopian soldiers were killed and wounded during the past seven days. The total number of Ethiopian soldiers killed or wounded since the beginning of March has climbed to 1,164, according to the communique.

The Ethiopian government has mobilized between 52,000 and 60,000 troops for the current campaign which began in February. Battles are continuing day and night, TPLF officials say. During the last seven days, six government soldiers were taken prisoner.

An earlier communique by the TPLF reported that 522 Ethiopian soldiers were killed or wounded during the first 10 days of this month, while five others were captured in action. Twenty militia men surrendered to the organization.

The government calls its current campaign the "Seventh Red Star Offensive," whose objective is to completely wipe out armed opposition amongst the five million Tigrayan natives. Soviet-supplied MiG planes and Mi-24 helicopter gunships are being deployed widely in this campaign to assist the heavily armed ground forces. The TPLF claims that an average of 2,000 bombs per day are being dropped indiscriminately on opposition forces and civilians.

The past six offensives against the TPLF and nationalist movements in Eritrea failed to achieve their objectives. "The current campaign is broader," a TPLF official commented.

PLO to reinforce popular resistance in occupied areas

TUNIS, March 20 (AP) — The executive committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, meeting under Chairman Yasser Arafat, has decided to "reinforce the popular resistance by all possible means" in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza, it said in a communique Saturday. It "charged the specialized organizations with immediately carrying out" the decision, the communique said, but gave no details.

The executive committee also "vigorously denounced the aggression perpetrated against members of the Italian and American contingents of the multinational force in Beirut," information chief Ahmad Abdul Rahman said. He alleged the attacks were carried out by "the Israeli occupation forces trying to harm the role of the multinational force and restrict its mission."

The question of resistance in the occupied territories was the main subject discussed by the committee from the start of the meeting Thursday, Palestinian sources said. The committee decided to send a memorandum to the U.N. Security Council over Israel's "dangerous population program" in the occupied territories, the communique said.

The meeting was continuing with other subjects, including its action plan following the recent meeting of the Palestinian National Council, the organization's parliament, in Algiers. The PLO headquarters moved to Tunis after the organization was forced out of Beirut by the Israeli invasion.

Meanwhile, a senior PLO official told Jordan television that Israel had inadvertently killed two Israeli prisoners in Lebanon last month, Israeli television reported Saturday.

Abu Jihad, a deputy PLO leader Yasser Arafat, also said that the two Israelis were not part of the group of eight Israeli soldiers being held by the PLO in Lebanon.

Israel television, which monitored the interview, said Abu Jihad claimed the two Israelis were killed Feb. 15, when Israeli soldiers opened fire on a car and killed the two Israelis, two Palestinians and one Lebanese who were inside.

Egypt reaffirms Middle East stand

CAIRO, March 20 (R) — Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Boutros Ghali told a senior U.S. official that Egypt wanted swift moves to secure Palestinian rights and a Lebanon rid of foreign troops.

Ghali, speaking to reporters after a meeting Saturday with Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Middle Eastern Affairs Robert Pelletreau, said he explained to his guest that "Egypt wanted fast moves to secure the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and the immediate withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon."

Pelletreau, whose meeting with Ghali lasted for an hour, also discussed with his Egyptian host Middle East and bilateral issues.

Pelletreau's visit is the second by a senior U.S. official to Egypt this week. American Ambassador to the United Nations Jeane Kirkpatrick held talks on similar issues with President Hosni Mubarak and Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali earlier this week.

MANAMA (AFP) — Sultan Qaboos of Oman will shortly pay official visits to Jordan and the United States, Radio Oman, monitored here, reported Sunday.

TEL AVIV (AFP) — The waters of the Jordan River, swollen from exceptionally heavy rains this winter, have shifted the Israeli-Jordanian frontier toward the west, adding several dozen hectares of land to the Jordanian side, the *Jerusalem Post* reported Sunday.

BEIRUT (R) — A senior Egyptian minister was quoted Sunday as saying that Egypt had good relations with Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon, but any formal move to resume diplomatic ties had to come from these countries.

DHAKA (AP) — Forty-four more persons died from cholera in a district where water was in short supply last month, bringing



Yasser Arafat

200 held in Karachi riding

KARACHI, March 20 (R) — Police used batons and teargas to disperse stone-throwing demonstrators Sunday as sectarian violence, which has already claimed seven lives, continued to grip Pakistan's biggest city.

At least seven persons have been killed since Friday, over 100 injured and about 200 persons have been arrested.

The violence was sparked off by a meeting of Shias, the minority sect in Pakistan, to protest at similar disturbances last month in which at least six persons died.

Sunnis attacked the meeting hall, setting off two days of running battles between

police and the two sects. Eyewitnesses said the latest trouble was outside the area of western Karachi put under military curfew Saturday after violence between Sunni and Shia Muslims over the ownership of a mosque. The two sects have a long-running dispute. The eyewitnesses said police dispersed a crowd of several hundred demonstrators hurling stones at them.

About 150 students later burnt tyres and forced shops to shut in an area about a kilometer from Karachi's main banks and other financial institutions, the eyewitnesses said.

Yaqoub to attend Geneva parleys

GENEVA, March 20 (AP) — The foreign ministers of Pakistan and the pro-Soviet regime in neighboring Afghanistan will discuss here next month a political solution to the Afghan war, Pakistan's ambassador here said Saturday.

Ambassador Fazli Raziq said the two sides would meet indirectly through a United Nations mediator as they did here last June, and that it is their first attempt at mediation here since then.

But he virtually ruled out a direct meeting between the two sides since Pakistan does not recognize the pro-Soviet Kabul government of Babrak Karmal, under siege by Mujahideen since Soviet forces entered the country in 1979.

Raziq said in a telephone interview from the Swiss capital of Bern Pakistan's Foreign Minister Yaqoub Khan would arrive here April 10 for the 11-day session with his Kabul counterpart beginning April 11.

"It has not been determined if they will meet directly or indirectly," Raziq said. "The meeting is under the auspices of the U.N. secretary-general and will involve him as an observer."

Raziq said they would discuss the issues set out last June, including a Soviet withdrawal, return of Afghanistan's nonaligned status and the return home of 3 million Afghan refugees in Pakistan and 1 million in Iran.

Tremor jolts Cairo

CAIRO, March 20 (AP) — An earth tremor was felt in Cairo Saturday night but caused no damage, officials and residents reported. The quake measured 6.1 on the Richter scale at its center some 750 kilometers northwest of Cairo.

The tremor was measured at 4 on the Richter scale at the Helwan observatory south of Cairo.

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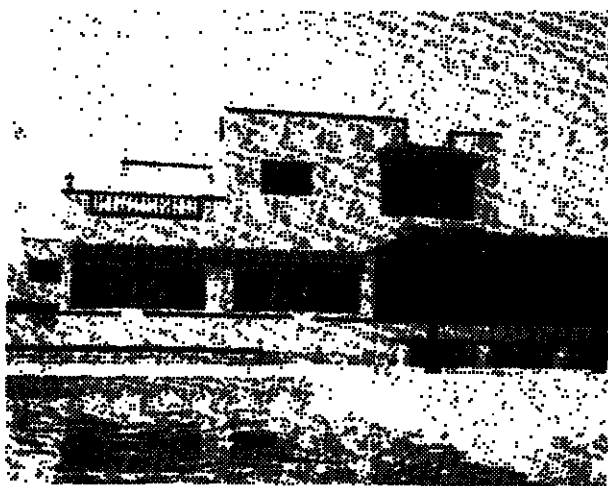
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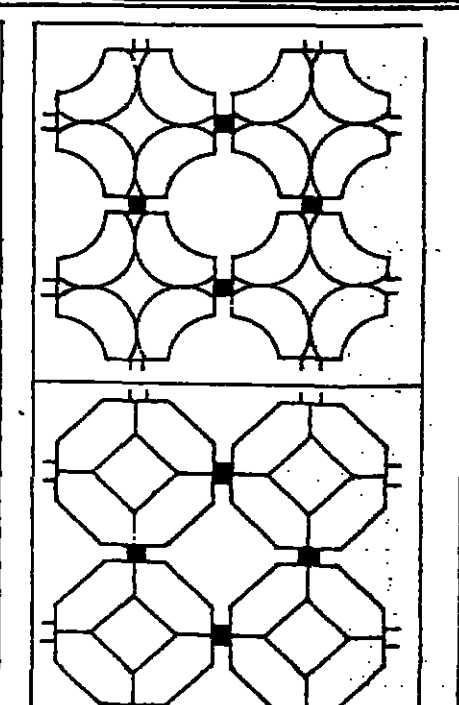
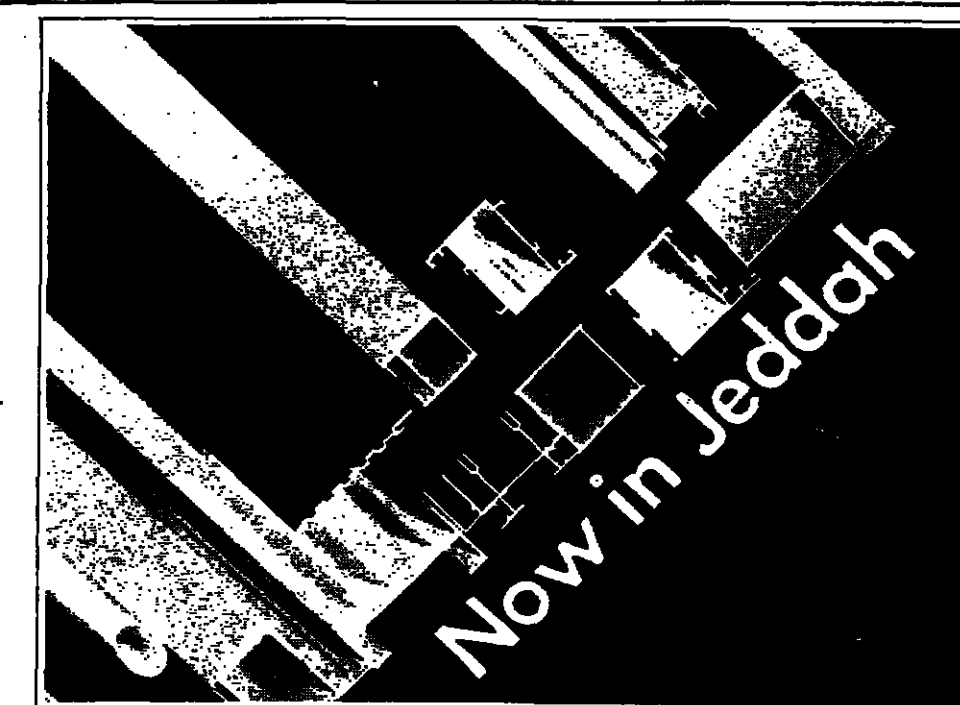


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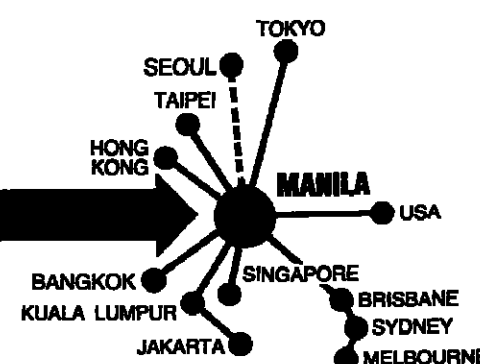
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In World Cross-Country

Ethiopian puts best to shade

GATESHEAD, England, March 20 (AP) — Bekele Debele, a little-known 20-year-old from Ethiopia, defeated five former champions and a host of other established distance runners to win the gold medal Sunday at the 1993 World Cross-Country Championships outside Gateshead in north-east England.

In one of the closest finishes ever seen in the 80-year history of the championships, the green-shirted African, who led for much of the 12,000-meter race, outstripped three other athletes — including Alberto Salazar, the world's fastest Marathon runner — to take the title.

The 1976 winner, 36-year-old Carlos Lopes of Portugal — one of the oldest men in the field of 228 — took the silver medal with Kenya's Some Muge winning the bronze. With competitors timed to the nearest second, the first three places were all clocked at 36:52 seconds.

Salazar, not noted for a fast finish, tried desperately to overtake the other three in the last 100 meters but had to settle for fourth place in 36:53. It was Ethiopia's second straight victory in both the individual race and the team event, which the East African nation won with 104 points. Second was the

United States on 170 points and third Kenya on 191.

Salazar, running for the United States in black tights to fend off the cold English spring, had the satisfaction of beating his great marathon rival, Australia's Rob de Castella, and establishing a psychological advantage before their head-to-head clash over 26.2 miles (41.92 km) in Rotterdam next month.

De Castella, the Commonwealth marathon champion, was tucked in behind Salazar until the last 1,000 meters when the pace increased and he lost ground, eventually finishing in sixth place.

The 7.5 miles (12 km) of undulating countryside, soaked by incessant rain for the previous 24 hours, took its toll on many of the pre-race favorites from the 32 nations taking part.

Last year's winner, Muhammad Kadir, of Ethiopia, finished in 22nd place. Another Ethiopian, 5,000-meter and 10,000-meter Olympic champion Miruts Yifter, who started right at the back, only managed to reach 62nd spot.

America's Craig Virgin, who suffered a serious kidney ailment after winning the 1980 and 1981 races, battled his way to 42nd

place. England's Dave Clark set the pace along with the U.S. cross-country national champion Pat Porter, but by halfway the new champion, the least-fancied of the Ethiopian runners before the start, had hit the front.

Meanwhile, Andreas Jenkei of Hungary won the annual Esonne Marathon in two hours 16 minutes 24 seconds in Paris Sunday. The Hungarian beat Frenchman Jean Pierre Crochon to the tape. Belgian Luc Waegeman finished third.

Saronni rides away with crown

SAN REMO, March 20 (AFP) — World road race champion Giuseppe Saronni achieved an easy victory by three quarters of a minute in Saturday's Milan to San Remo road race.

Many of the world's top professionals had made the event their first major competitive outing of the season. But you would hardly have known they were taking part as Saronni pedaled away from the pack with little opposition.

Saronni, who won the 294 kms classic in 1978, 79 and 80, gained his advantage on the climb up to the Poggio summit with a breakaway similar to the one which enabled him to win the world title in Goodwood in September.

The race began slowly with none of the big names willing to risk exhausting themselves by trying to forge ahead too early. Bernard Hinault of France gave up after the Savona refreshment stop, while Switzerland's Urs Freuler was delayed by a puncture and Fons de Wolf of Belgium fell off at Turbino.

But the other stars, including Ireland's Sean Kelly, heroic winner this week of the Tean Paris-Nice race, were still in with a chance until Saronni accelerated ten kilometers from home.

Steve White from Luton to fill the gap caused by Saronni's departure. The Dane, who scored nine goals in the 15 games he played for the London club, was paid 1,500-pounds a week by Charlton.

Several English clubs, including Tottenham, would have liked to sign Simonsen, but his wife and two daughters did not settle



ROCKED BY RIGHT: Welshman Colin Jones is rocked by a solid right to his jaw by Detroit's Milton McCrory (right) in the world Boxing Council welterweight title bout. The 12-round bloody battle at Reno ended in a draw Saturday.

After 12 bloody rounds
It's a stalemate in Nevada

RENO, Nevada, March 20 (R) — Colin Jones of Wales and Milton McCrory of the United States battled to a 12-round draw Saturday in a see-saw fight for the World Boxing Council (WBC) welterweight crown.

WBC President Jose Sulaiman ordered a rematch for the title. The bout will not take place for at least 11 weeks. McCrory, the WBC's No. 1 contender, dominated the early rounds with crisp left jabs and sharp combinations to the head.

Jones, ranked No. 2, piled on the pressure

from the sixth, beating McCrory to the punch and scoring to the body. But the Welshman seemed to run out of steam in the crucial 12th and final round. McCrory waded in with fists flying and peppered Jones' face with flurry of combinations.

The American's last effort was not enough to win but it stopped Jones grabbing the title, left vacant by the retirement of Sugar Ray Leonard. One of the three judges gave the 12th round to Jones. One gave it to McCrory: The other two had it even.

In the 10th and 11th, it was Jones all the way with McCrory on the defensive and unable to mount any attack. But then came the 12th and the American got the better of Jones to force a rematch. There were no knockdowns in the bout. Jones was never in trouble, although McCrory bled from the third round onwards.

The Welshman said afterwards he was disappointed at the decision. McCrory said he felt he was robbed. "If I didn't take the fight to him there would have been no fight," said Jones. The Welshman spent much of the contest chasing McCrory round the ring. In the eighth round, the referee cautioned the American against his running tactics.

McCrory, however, believed he had built up a big enough lead in the early rounds to win.

Easy for Oliva
Meanwhile, Italian Patrizio Oliva easily retained his European light welterweight crown by knocking out Spaniard Francisco Leon in the 11th round of a one-sided contest in Naples Saturday.

Oliva, making the first defense of the title he took in January, floored his opponent with a flurry of rights and lefts midway through the penultimate round of the scheduled 12-round fight. The 27-year-old Spaniard's brawling roundhouse style was never a match for the stylish composure of the former Olympic champion, who took immediate command and had built up an impressive lead before sending his opponent to the canvas.

It was the 24-year-old Italian's 27th consecutive victory in an unbeaten career. Leon, always struggling after being sent down twice earlier, has now lost twice in 30 outings. The first knockdown came at the beginning of the fifth round when Oliva sent him sprawling through the rope with a right hook.

Abastillas, Sabas pair get a scare

By Paddy Rogan

JEDDAH, March 20 — The challenge of the top seeds Abastillas, Sabas in the doubles event of the JVC-Slazzenger Tennis Open at the Lockheed courts almost came to an abrupt halt last weekend.

Facing Keith — Lindig in the second round tie and trailing 1-3 in the third set with Lindig serving, defeat for the Litton — Philippine Airlines Open title holders seemed definite on the cards. For the first time in the match, however, Lindig inexplicably failed to hold his normally booming serve and the Filipino pair ran out 7-6, 2-6, 6-3 winners.

Dave Lindig was also involved, earlier, in another giant-killing attempt. This time his singles opponent was fifth-seeded Bob Reese, who had to pull out all the stops to reach Monday's quarterfinals against Kianur Khan with a 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory. The quarterfinals will see top-seeded Rene Abastillas face the tenacious Irishman Liam Convery, with the victor gaining a semifinal berth against Fernando Quesado, who successfully disposed of Khaled Kasht 6-1, 6-1. In the remaining quarterfinal tie Abujabber lines up against Rogan.

The big surprise of the women's events was the lack of surprises! Through to the quarterfinal stages are top-seeded Nienke Herault, who will face Sandra's Inez Innocenti, Dianne Atkinson against Paulette Mashaka and Aida Abujabber versus Renee Massuelle. Second seed Karen Lindemeyer awaits the winner of the Abujabber-Massuelle tie in the semifinals.

Patrick Hermanson continues to dominate Jeddah junior tennis and can be confidently expected to reach Friday's final. Jason Deal will attempt to end Hermanson's domination on Thursday's semifinal. However, top match of the quarterfinal in this category was Muhammad Mishra's determined 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 win over fellow-Dunes Club player Tamer Sharif. Despite strong cross winds, both players played a top class match with Mishra's net play proving decisive. Should he overcome Aida Mashaka in the semifinals Mishra will provide much sterner opposition for Hermanson than the top seed has experienced in junior events to date.

The singles quarterfinals of the JVC-Slazzenger event will be played from 7.00 p.m. on Monday with the semifinals scheduled for 2.00 p.m. (junior events) on Thursday. Finals are scheduled to begin at midday Friday.

Yachtsman dies

SALCOMBE, England, March 20 (R) — The husband of Round-The-World yachtswoman Dame Naomi James was killed in a sailing accident Sunday, the coast guard said. Rob James, 36, himself an internationally-known yachtsman, fell overboard as he was sailing his trimaran into Salcombe, southwest England, before dawn, a spokesman said.

Four other crewmen and a nearby minesweeper searched for James for nearly two hours before an air force helicopter found his body, the spokesman said.

East German shines

HARRACHEV, March 20 (AFP) — Klaus Ostwald of East Germany took the World Ski Flying title here Sunday as last year's champion Matti Nykanen of Finland had to settle for third place.

Ostwald, third after the second day of the championships Saturday, flew into top spot after producing the two biggest jumps — of 170 meters and 174 meters — on the 120 meter hill Sunday.

Roma, Juventus drop points

ROME, March 20 (Agencies) — Roma maintained their three-point lead over Juventus at the top of the Italian First Division Sunday when both sides were held to goalless draws.

European Cup Semi-finalists Juventus, who put out champions Aston Villa of England last week, won a hard-earned point at Pisa which maintains their challenge for the league title with only six matches left.

Roma, bundled out of the European Football Union (UEFA) Cup by Benfica of Portugal in midweek, could find no comfort in their match with Udinese, the league's draw specialists, who increased their tally of draws to 17 from 24 league games.

Verona continued their push for a place in Europe next season by beating Ascoli 2-1 with a late goal to stay third. Alessandro Altobelli, the only Italian international to keep his form since Italy's World Cup victory last year, scored a hat-trick in Inter Milan's 3-1 home win over Cesena. He is now the First Division's leading scorer with 13 goals.

Meanwhile, it was learnt that French international winger Didier Six will not be return-

ing to his former club Racing Strasbourg because he is too expensive, club chairman Robert Weiss said Saturday.

Six is with FVB Stuttgart of West Germany but is not popular with fans and is ready for a move. However, Stuttgart are asking 1.2 million marks for his release. Weiss said: "We will have to look for a less costly winger."

Star West German center forward Dieter Hoenes has been approached by French First Division outfit A.S. Monaco to join them at the end of the season.

Hoenes, who plays for Bayern Munich would replace Swedish striker Edstrom.

Simonsen, Charlton part ways amicably

LONDON, March 20 (AFP) — Departing Danish soccer star Allan Simonsen offered his regrets to Charlton Athletic Saturday night but said: "It's in the best interests of both the club and myself that I leave."

The former European footballer of the year was speaking after his 17th and last appearance in a Charlton shirt which ended on an unhappy note as the Second Division team went down 1-0 at home to Leeds.

The 30-year-old Dane has been released after only six months at the valley because Charlton cannot guarantee a 180,000 pound payment on his transfer from Barcelona which is due on June 1. Now he will return to Denmark to play for his home town club, Vejle.

Simonsen said: "If circumstances here had been different I would have loved to have spent next season at Charlton as well. But in view of what has happened it is best that I go. I am very sorry I cannot do more for the club."

He added: "I have never had any regrets about coming here. I have won titles with clubs in Germany and Spain and this was something special I wanted to do, although I knew it would be difficult. Perhaps if the crowds had been better it would have helped."

Charlton manager Lennie Lawrence admitted: "His signing was a financial disaster. I have absolutely no criticism of Allan. He has done reasonably well on the football side considering the short time he has been here."

Lawrence will now recall on-loan striker

Soccer results

ITALY		
Avellino	2	Genoa 0
Catanzaro	1	Cagliari 2
Inter Milan	3	Cesena 2
Pisa	0	Juventus 1
Roma	0	Udinese 0
Sampdoria	1	Napoli 1
Torino	2	Florentina 0
Verona	2	Ascoli 1
FRANCE		
Lille	2	Nancy 0
Strasbourg	0	Moscow 2
Schoen	1	Paris St. Germain 2
Auxerre	4	St. Etienne 1
Tours	3	Rouen 1
Brest	4	Bastia 2
Lyon	3	Bordeaux 5
Laval	0	Mulhouse 0
Toulouse	1	Lens 0
Metz	0	Nantes 4
WEST GERMAN		
Karlsruhe	1	Cologne 1
Eintracht Frankfurt	3	Moenchengladbach 0
Bochum	1	Hamburg 1
Eintracht Braunschweig	1	Bayern Munich 1
Fortuna Dusseldorf	2	Kaiserslautern 1
Bayer Leverkusen	2	Herta Berlin 1
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YUGOSLAV		
OFK Beograd	0	Olimpija Ljubljana 0
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English soccer standings

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE															
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.								
Liverpool	31	21	7	3	73	24	70	Leicester	31	15	4	12	55	33	49
Watford	31	17	4	10	53	35	55	Oldham	32	11	14	7	50	47	47
Man. United	30	14	10	6	40	24	52	Sheff. Wed.	32	13	8	11	41	41	47
Aston Villa	31	16	3	12	49	39	51	Leeds	31	10	15	6	39	35	45
West Bromwich	32	12	11	9	44	37	47	Newcastle	30	11	11	8	44	36	44
Nottingham Forest	32	13	7	12	42	49	46	Grimsby	32	12	7	13	42	51	43
Southampton	32	13	7	12	42	49	46	Blackburn	32	11	9	12	43	45	42
Everton	32	12	9	11	48	38	45	Chelsea	32	10	9	13	45	46	39
Stoke	32	13	6	13	43	48	45	Bolton	32	10	8	14	38	45	38
Ipswich	31	12	8	11	49	37	44	Cardiff	32	9	9	14	54	38	36
Tottenham	31	12	8	11	41	41	44	Charlton	31	10	6	15	45	64	36
Coventry	31	12	7	12	40	43	43	Crystal Palace	31	8	11	12	31	38	35
West Ham	30	12	3	14	46	42	42	Rotherham	32	8	11	13	33	49	35
Arsenal	30	11	8	11	39	37	41	Cambridge	32	8	9	15	31	50	33
Notts County	33	12	5	16	47	59	41	Middlesbrough	32	7	12	13	34	61	33
Sunderland	31	10	10	11	37	45	40	Bury	29	9	5	15	45	49	32
Man. City	33	10	8	15	41	58	38	Derby	31	5	15	11	34	45	30
Luton	30	8	10	12	49	61	34	SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION							
Swansea	32	8	8	16	41	48	32	Aberdeen	27	19	4	4	57	20	42
Norwich	30	8	7	15	33	50	31	Dundee United	27	17	7	3	65	25	41
Birmingham	30	6	12	12	26	42	30	Celtic	26	19	3	4	68	29	41
Brighton	31	7	8	16	29	57	29	Rangers	27	8	11	8	37	30	27
DIVISION TWO								Dundee	28	8	8	12	37	44	24
Q.P.R.	31	19	5	7	56	26	62	St. Mirren	28	7	10	11	34	41	24
Wolves	32	18	8	6	57	34	62	Hibernian	27	5	12	10	22	35	22
Fulham	31	16	7	8	51	36	55	Motherwell	28	9	3	16	31	56	21
								Morton	28	5	8	15	27	57	18
								Kilmarnock	28	3	8	17	24	65	14

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New Orleans Open

Rogers strikes top form to leap ahead

NEW ORLEANS, March 20 (AP) — Bill Rogers winless for almost two years, said he played exactly the sort of round he wanted to play in taking the lead in the \$400,000 New Orleans Open Golf Tournament going into Sunday's final round.

"If you could tell them you wanted to play a type of round, I couldn't do any better," he said after carding a nearly flawless 3-under-par 69 for a 54-hole total of 205. "I put it in almost all the fairways, hit all the greens. I only scared bogey a couple of times," he said. "I had a lot of opportunities for birdies, and I made three." A 11-under-par, Rogers held a 2-stroke lead over Doug Twell and David Edwards. Three strokes back were Vance Heafner and Greg Norman, the world's hottest golfer over the past month.

Norman, playing only his second American tournament this year, is coming off victories in the Australian Masters and the Hong Kong Open, plus a second-place finish at Bay Hill last week.

The tournament, sponsored by U.S. Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company, is being played over the 7,080-yard course at Lakewood Country Club.

Rogers went into Saturday's round tied at 8-under with Mark Hayes, who bogeyed his fifth hole of the day and double bogeyed his ninth and 18th to slip four strokes back of Rogers' race. Behind Twell and Heafner at 7-under going into Sunday's final round were Lon Hinkle, Jim Simons, Wayne Levi and Jay Haas, who held a share of the lead with a 68 on Thursday's opening round but slipped off the pace with a 70 on Friday and a 75 on Saturday.

Tom Watson was in a five-man jam at 210,

Hallin 'tricks' for Islanders

NEW YORK, March 20 (AP) — Rookie forward Mats Hallin scored three goals for his first National Hockey League hat-trick to pace the Islanders to a 9-2 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers Saturday night, giving New York its first decision over the Patrick Division leaders this season.

In other NBA action, Mike Zuke scored eight minutes into the third period, rallying the St. Louis Blues to a 3-3 tie with the Minnesota North Stars — the fifth straight tie between the teams this season.

Soviet girls triumph in road relay

YOKOHAMA, Japan, March 20 (AP) — A six-member team from the Soviet Union Sunday won the world's first international women's road relay race by outpacing 20 teams in a race through the streets of Yokohama, the port city south of Tokyo.

The Soviet runners finished in two hours, 19 minutes, 53 seconds, more than two minutes ahead of the second-place team from Britain. The United States team finished in third place, followed by Japan, France, Italy, New Zealand, China and Kenya in the eight

Kasparov puts it across Belyavsky

MOSCOW, March 20 (AP) — Garri Kasparov, who two years ago became the world's youngest chess grandmaster at age 17, qualified Saturday for the World Chess Championship semifinals, defeating fellow Soviet Alexander Belyavsky 6-3, the official news agency Tass reported.

The chess whiz from Baku, who turns 20 on April 13, won the best-of-10 series against the 29-year-old Belyavsky in the ninth match. Winners of the semi-finals will battle to advance against world titleholder Anatoly

six strokes back, after a round of 71 on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Irishman Eamon Darcy held a one-stroke lead going into the third round of the \$400,000 New Orleans Open Golf Tournament after shooting a six-under-par 67. But defending champion Brian Waite and Gordon Broad, both of Britain, and American Peter Teravainen were all at 140, just one stroke behind Darcy in the \$123,000 event.

Waite and Broad, together with fellow Briton Peter Cowen, had shared the lead after the first day with opening round 68's. Darcy sank seven birdies in putting together his fine round after a bogey on the first hole.

In the Daytona Beach tourney, Gene Littler shot a 2-under 70 Saturday to stay ahead of the pack in second-round play. Littler, who fired a course-record 65 on Friday, had two bogeys, three birdies and an eagle Saturday for a 135 and a 3-stroke lead.

Three shots back of Littler at 138 was Paul Harney, who eased Ted Dorius out of second place with a six-birdie, no-bogey round. Don January was in third place with a 139, while Art Wall was 1 stroke back in fourth.

In the women's event in Hawaii, Lynn Adams continued to lead into the third day of the LPGA \$200,000 women's Kemper Open on Maui, ending the first nine holes with a total of 5-under par. The 33-year-old pro from Cingsville, Texas, was the low scorer at the start of Saturday's game with a two-under-par 144 after 36 holes at the 6,182-yard (5,652 meters) Royal Kaanapali North Course.

The strong winds which had plagued the first two days of play had diminished somewhat but gusts continued to divert drives and throw off putts.

Kevin Lavalley rifled a 35-footer post goalie Pete Peeters at 14:11 of the third period to lift the Calgary Flames to a 2-2 tie with the Boston Bruins.

In the World Junior Ice Hockey Championships, Switzerland moved into the lead with the game remaining in Group 'B' by beating Austria 6-2, in France.

Poland, who lost to the Swiss in first round play, defeated Japan 5-3 in the other game in the top pool. Switzerland play Japan and Poland face Austria in the last games Sunday.

nation event.

The six runners from each team covered a total of 42.195 kilometers (26 miles, 385 yards) — the regulation distance in marathons — in good weather.

On each team, the first runner covered five kilometers (3.125 miles), the second 10 kilometers (6.25 miles), the third five kilometers, the fourth 10 kilometers, the fifth 7.195 kilometers (4.49 miles) and the anchor five kilometers.

Karpov, a 31-year-old Soviet.

The Tass news agency reported that a "dispute" arose in the tournament's press center over the name of the opening in the match.

Tass had reported earlier that Belyavsky opted for the old Indian defense. But it reported later that while there was general post-match agreement that it was the old Indian defense, "the position after the 10th move could, with the order of moves changed, have appeared in a version of the Ufimsev defense."



Fitzgerald ... makes Vilas sweat

AGE routs Eaglets for EPCA title

By a Staff Writer

DHAHRAN, March 20 — High-flying Arabian Eaglets seemed to be zeroing on yet another Eastern Province Cricket Association League pennant. But they could not reproduce their impeccable league performances against Arabian Gulf Establishments (AGE), who were relentless in their hunt, and were shot down just on nearing home.

The Eaglets, whose strength was depleted by a rash of injuries, proved no match to the skilled AGE. Both had come to the final with a clean record and it seemed the Eaglets would repeat last year's performance. But injuries to key players before the contest put paid to their hopes.

Eaglets captain Khalid Khan, a shrewd tactician, was also not given enough room to maneuver by his batsmen. After calling the coin correctly, he opted to make first use of the strip. But his batsmen belied his expectations of posting a reasonable score with which he could have bottled up the AGE.

The procession to the pavilion began from the very first over of the day. Ghulam Shabbir, who has been amongst the runs right throughout the season, set the trend. He nibbled at Qadir Jan's last delivery of the opening over and was snapped up by Muhammad Akhtar. Not to be outdone, Jan's partner Nassir Mahmood struck from the other end in his first over. He sent Saleem Raza's stumps

As Teacher makes it the hard way
Giantkiller Dickson romps into final

MUNICH, West Germany, March 20 (AP) — Americans Brian Teacher and Mark Dickson will face each other in the final of the \$300,000 World Cup Tennis Tournament here Sunday.

Teacher, 28, repeated his 1982 Dortmund victory over Wojtek Fibak, 30, of Poland, beating Fibak in two hours and 10 minutes with a 6-4, 2-6, 6-2 decision in the semifinals Saturday. Teacher's better condition, and domination in the closing set proved decisive.

Dickson took only 85 minutes for a snap 6-4, 6-0 victory over the Texan Bill Scanlon. It was the first time the 23-year-old Dickson had reached the final in a professional tournament.

Meanwhile, Guillermo Vilas and Gene Mayer, the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds respectively, defied the upset trend in this week's ABN World Tournament in Rotterdam and will vie Sunday for the \$50,000 first prize.

Vilas of Argentina, reached the final with a tough 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 victory over John Fitzgerald of Australia. Mayer, continued to sweep through his opponents with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Fritz Buchning.

Mayer and Vilas are the only two of eight seeded players in the \$200,000 Grand Prix tournament who managed to advance beyond first round play.

Italian organizers hurriedly accommodated Czechoslovakia ace Ivan Lendl in the \$365,000 Cuore Cup of Milan to cope with the last-minute withdrawals of Americans John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors, it was announced Saturday.

Lendl, the No. 1 in world tennis ranking, was reportedly convinced to transfer to Milan, after being eliminated in the early stages of the Munich Tournament, through a rich bonus.

The 23-year-old Czech will be the top-

seeded competitor in the 32-player tournament, the Italian leg of the Grand Prix circuit, which begins at Milan's Indoor Sports Palace Monday. His toughest challenger for the \$70,000 first prize, at stake in the final of singles on March 27, was expected to be Argentine Guillermo Vilas, No. 2.

Vilas, who led Argentina to victory in the Davis Cup clash against the United States earlier this month, won the Cuore Cup last year defeating Connors in straight sets.

Other seeded players in the tournament were Gene Mayer, Vilas Gerulaitis, Steve Denton and Sandy Mayer. Andres Gomez of Ecuador and Mark Edmondson of Australia. In the first round Lendl plays Vince Van Paten, U.S., while Vilas faces Pavel Slozil of Czechoslovakia.

In Boston, Sylvia Hanika relied on powerful ground strokes to defeat Billie Jean King, 7-5, 6-2, in the semifinals of the \$150,000 Virginia Slims Tournament, dampening a Saturday night tennis tribute to King.

Tracy Austin faced Wendy Turnbull in a later match to determine who would play Hanika in Sunday's final.

Hanika, a 23-year-old West German seeded fourth, was kept behind the baseline through most of the match by King, who tried to seize the net to control her opponent's power.

The tactic worked for much of the first set. King forged ahead 4-2, delighting thousands of fans who came to pay tribute to her 25 years of competitive tennis during a post-match ceremony at Boston Garden.

But at 5-5, Hanika won four straight points on her serve to go ahead 6-5, then took the set on a disputed call that bothered the fifth-seeded King for several games.

The 39-year-old King, who has won singles titles in Boston five times, held her first serve in the second set. But Hanika broke King's second serve and went on to win. Hanika has now made it to the final in four tournaments this year and stands second in overall points on the women's tour.

Chile rugby side wins

WELLINGTON, South Africa, March 20 (AP) — Chile defeated a combined colleges side Saturday night 21-19 with a brilliant try in injury time, evening up the visitors' rugby tour record to 1-1.

Chile were trailing 11-10 at halftime and 19-17 two minutes into injury time when center Louis Ramirez picked up a loose ball on the halfway line and passed to right wing Augusto Hagl who streaked through for the try.



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ALGERIA-TUNISIA PACT

President Chadli Benjedid is fast emerging as the peacemaker, as well as the peacemaker, in North Africa. By signing an agreement with Tunisia, an erstwhile adversary, he has brought additional stability to an otherwise volatile part of the Arab world.

Earlier on, he met with King Hassan of Morocco and apparently decided to resolve some of the outstanding issues dividing their countries. One of them is, of course, the war waged by Polisario to wrest control of the Sahara from Morocco. Until recently, Algeria and Libya have been aiding, arming and financing the Polisario to harass the Moroccans into leaving the desert alone to be formed into a sovereign state beholden to both.

The cost of the war, during the past six years, cannot be precisely determined but one thing is sure: all the three have paid dearly.

Benjedid has been trying to disentangle Algeria by contributing to a peaceful settlement of the issue probably on the basis of self-determination for the people.

He was rightly alarmed by the bloodletting and the unnecessary cost that the war has entailed. And since he had none of the hangups that characterized Moroccan-Algerian relations during the time of his predecessor, Boumedienne, who disliked the manner in which Morocco seized the desert without consulting him. He was also astonished to learn that his former partner Libya was training Algerian dissidents for subversive work inside Algeria itself. That was the last straw which compelled him to change course.

But neither Libya nor the Soviet Union was quite amused by these developments. They have already decided to sign a full-scale friendship and cooperation agreement like the one signed by Syria.

This should herald an interesting new era in North African politics.

Saudi Arabian press review

The trial in Tokyo of Israel for crimes against humanity and the visit of the Arab delegation to Britain to explain the Middle East peace plan were topics of comment in the press Sunday.

Al-Jazirah expressed satisfaction with recent international moves under way to contain what it called dangers emanating from Israeli practices against Palestinian and Arab inhabitants of the occupied Arab territory.

Referring to the opening in Tokyo of an international people's court trying Israel for its crimes against the Arab inhabitants, it said the trial would "show to what extent Israel is unmatched in the world of crime and aggression."

Commenting on the upcoming conference of European parliamentarians due to take place at The Hague, Holland, later this month to prepare for an international conference on the Palestine question in August, the paper said it reflected that Arab public opinion had become aware of the Israeli dangers and its expansionist policy threatening the world peace.

Referring to Jordanian King Hussein's press conference in London Saturday night at the end of an Arab League delegation's talks with British Prime Minister Mrs. Margaret Thatcher on the Arab peace plan, Al-Nadwa noted the Jordanian monarch's warning

to Washington that the time was running short for honoring U.S. commitments to resolve the Palestine question and the Middle East conflict.

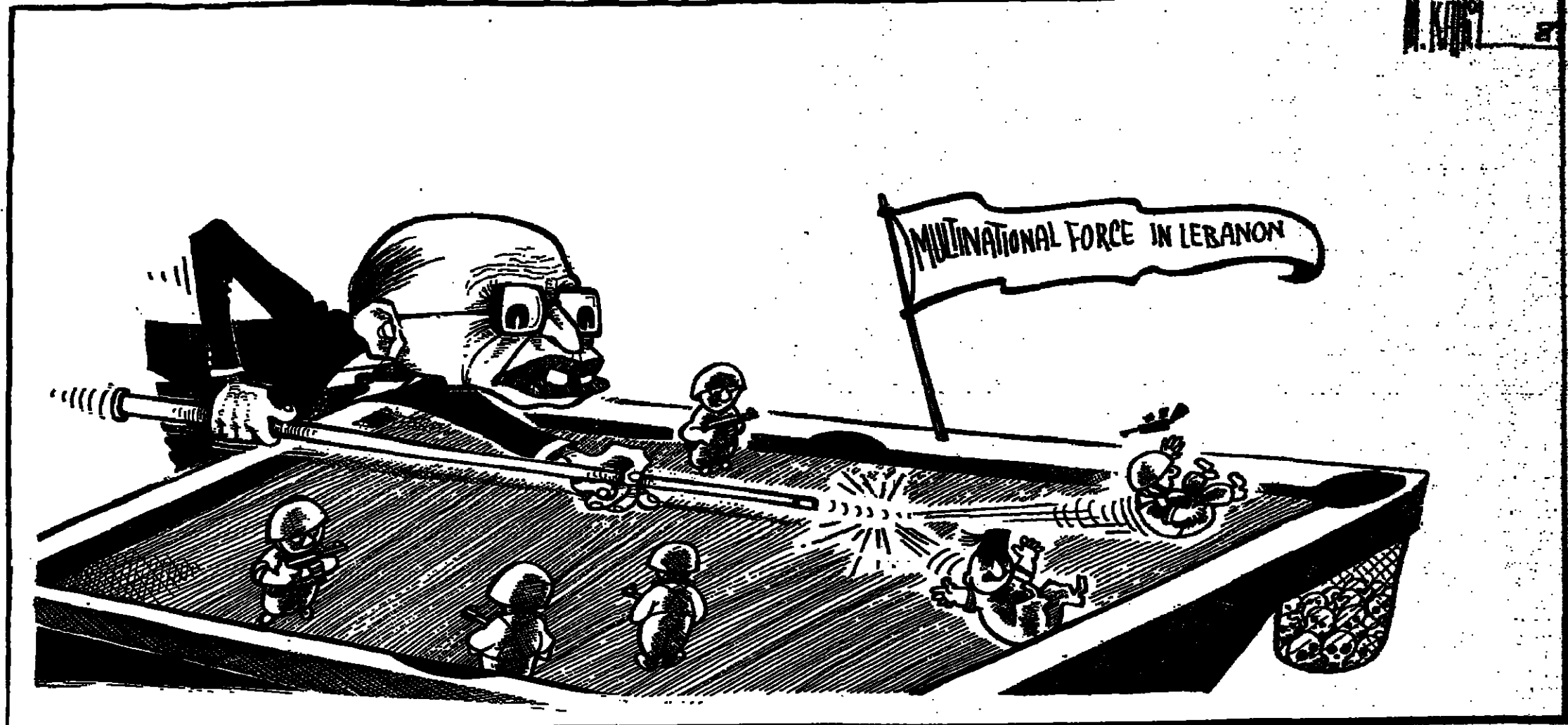
The paper urged the U.S. to "take a firm stand to force the Zionist entity to abandon its settlement policy in the occupied land to pave the way for a just and durable solution to the Middle East problem."

Al-Yawm said the Zionist enemy was determined to go ahead with its expansionist designs and called on the Arab nation to intensify its current moves to recover the usurped Arab rights and liberate occupied Arab territories.

It stressed that there was no alternative to the Arab peace plan to ensure a durable and just settlement of the Middle East conflict.

Referring to the success of the seven-man committee's London mission, the paper praised Britain's recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinians.

Al-Madinah urged "the drawing up of a firm strategy to achieve Afro-Arab solidarity, unity and cooperation to crush the Zionist penetration of Africa." The paper warned against designs masterminded by the Zionist entity and its agent in Pretoria with the aim of tightening their grip on the resources of Arab and African peoples. (SPA)



Spain launching diplomatic offensive in North Africa

By Brian Mooney

MADRID —

Spain's youthful Socialist government is set to embark on a diplomatic offensive in North Africa which may show how the reality of political power has modified radical attitudes adopted by Socialists in opposition.

Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez and Deputy Prime Minister Alfonso Guerra will fly to Morocco and Algeria within a week of each other to explain Spanish intentions following the change of government in Madrid last December. The twin visits, which take place against the backdrop of recent Moroccan-Algerian rapprochement, touch on sensitive aspects of Spain's centuries-old involvement in North Africa — the Spanish enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla and the former Spanish Western Sahara.

Diplomats said Gonzalez would be anxious to assure King Hassan of Morocco that he no longer subscribes to a declaration of friendship and support that he signed with the Polisario front which is fighting Morocco for control of the Sahara. Failure to give such an assurance could provoke Rabat into

pressing claims on Ceuta and Melilla, which are carved out of present-day Morocco, the diplomats said.

The Spanish Socialist Party (PSOE) joint communiqué with the Polisario was signed in Algiers in 1976, one year after Spain relinquished control over its Western Sahara territory. It denounced "the war of conquest, plunder and extermination" it said was waged against the Sahrawi people by Morocco and Mauritania, and expressed admiration for the resistance of the Algerian-backed Polisario front which it said was the sole and legitimate representatives of the population.

Many circumstances have altered since then. Mauritania pulled out of the war, Algeria seemingly eased its support for the Polisario front and began talking to Morocco again following promises of a referendum in the territory, and the Spanish Socialists came to power.

Reference to the PSOE-Polisario communiqué in the Spanish press discomfited the government. Official spokesmen made clear that the government did not feel beholden to such party commitments. The diplomats said the Sahara issue could well be

raised during Guerra's visit to Algiers, due to begin Tuesday, perhaps in the context of a tripartite settlement.

They added that the Socialists in power had been virtually forced to drop the Polisario for the sake of maintaining good relations with Morocco to avoid trouble over Ceuta or Melilla. "Given the danger of provoking instability in their southern neighbor and the threat of Morocco claiming Ceuta and Melilla, it was an uneven choice," one diplomat commented.

"Gonzalez is going to Morocco because our good relations with that country are paramount," a Spanish spokesman said. The two-day visit, scheduled for March 28 and 29, follows a series of awkward incidents in Spanish-Moroccan relations. The most serious occurred when a meeting of the unofficial Arab Parliamentary Union in Rabat passed a resolution in February demanding the return to Morocco of Ceuta and Melilla.

Ceuta, guarding the Straits of Gibraltar, and Melilla to the east have been in Spanish hands since the 15th century and are regarded officially in Madrid as Spanish territory. Madrid rejects all comparison with the Spanish-claimed British colony of Gib-

ralta to the north of the straits.

Spanish army generals talk in terms of defending the enclaves to the last drop of blood, and in the wake of the Arab Parliamentary Union resolution, Spanish naval force dropped in on Ceuta in a thinly-disguised show of force. The Spanish press printed jingoistic articles and Spain's two leading news magazines both played war games, analyzing the relative strengths of the armies, navies and air forces of the two neighboring states.

Casualties 16 magazine talked of "Moors against Christians" and *Temps* headlined its report: "Moors are re-arming against Spain — we are not prepared for an attack."

Press hysteria was heightened following a meeting last month between the Moroccan and Algerian leaders, with speculation that once the two countries had buried their differences, they could concentrate on an Islamic campaign to recover Ceuta and Melilla. The Socialist government publicly ignores this alarmism. Gonzalez said he would not raise the issue of Ceuta and Melilla during his visit to Rabat, which coincides with difficult negotiations on trade and fishing quotas. (R)

New education policy triggers discontent in Bangladesh

By Mahfuz Ullah

DHAKA —

When the military government first announced it late in 1982, little did it realize that its new four-tiered education policy would trigger discontent much more and be used as a vehicle to demand the dismantling of martial law. Now the regime realizes the full implication of the public reaction to the education policy and is moving to defuse a situation which could threaten its stability.

Last Jan. 27, the government publicly distributed a questionnaire seeking a cross-section opinion on the education policy. This was rejected by the students who staged massive demonstrations in the capital resulting in death and injuries. Casualty count was never released by the authorities.

On Feb. 13, the government announced that a special committee has been set up to assess the public response to the questionnaire. The announcement followed an earlier one in which the chief martial law administrator assured that the teaching of the Arabic language will not be made compulsory in the primary level of the educational system. Objection to the teaching of Arabic is only one of many issues raised by critics of the new education policy which the government announced September last year.

As defined by the education minister, basic principles of the policy are:

To increase the country's literacy rate by effective implementation of primary education and to universalize a minimum of five years of education for all citizens.

To provide vocational skills at the secondary level.

To make education open-ended by providing multiple entry points throughout the system which would consist of four tiers of education — primary, preparatory, secondary (including higher secondary) and higher education.

Umbrella accusation hurled against the policy by critics is failure of the government to seek public opinion before the policy was announced as was the practice with the earlier implemented administrative and judicial reforms.

The government set up two committees on administrative and judicial reforms. These groups conducted public hearings before they made their final recommendations. Such a method was not observed in relation to the new educational policy. Critics also posed four main questions: Who should benefit most from education which is highly subsidized; how many foreign languages should be introduced at the primary level; should religious sentiment be given priority in school texts; and should higher education be more selective.

Basic principles of the policy are not being contested by the critics but they are strongly opposed to the introduction of Arabic as a second foreign lan-

guage (the other is English) at the third grade of the primary level and for cost participation by students at the university level. In a country where over 80 percent of the population is Muslim, introduction of Arabic as a compulsory school subject and integration of religious education with non-sectarian education have never been acceptable. Such proposals have led to bloodshed since 1952.

There are at present 2,864 government-recognized "madrasahs" or religious schools in Bangladesh. There are thousands more operating without government recognition. The government has a separate education board to oversee the working of such schools. In defending the decision to introduce Arabic in the schools, government sources explain that integrating the religious schools with the educational system could best be done with the teaching of Arabic as this would curtail the authority of "fanatic elements in interpreting religion."

However, the critics argue that objective interpretation of religion is an imperative and that this can best be done in the native language of the people. Since the emergence of Bangladesh as a nation in South Asia, two government commissions have been established to overhaul the country's educational system and align it with modern education. The two bodies found that the secondary level of the system lacked scientific content and recommended the necessary steps to implement the

needed reforms. The recommendations, the first submitted in 1972 and the second in 1978, were never implemented.

Bangladeshi students have always been sensitive to changes in their country's educational policy. Since 1947, there have been many student protests against what they perceived as "anti-people" changes in educational policy. Following announcement of the present education policy, opposition welled from ranks of the students and teachers. Some student groups even succeeded in getting statements published by the newspapers which are censored by the military. Critical editorial comments also appeared in government-owned newspapers. Critics argue that introduction of two foreign languages at the primary level is an onerous burden on the students.

However, government sources claim the critics are wrong. They point out that ability to speak Arabic would enable more Bangladeshis to find employment in the lucrative Middle East labor market. Introduction of the cost-sharing system in the universities or higher education is termed by the critics as "elitist." They say such a system would make higher education "a commodity" available only to the few who can afford the costs. They claim that 80 out of every 100 Bangladeshis today have a hard time providing themselves three square meals a day.

The public debate over the new educational policy of the government continues. The latest demand of the students is for a thorough review of the policy before implementation. Some of them have included in the demand the dismantling of martial law which was imposed middle of 1982. (Depthnews)

Slogans, spy network keep Rawlings in office

By Juliet Pearce

ACCRA —

The third abortive coup against Ghana's 15-month-old revolution was hatched by an odd mixture of civilian and military plotters. They appear to have had no known ideology and no concrete aim apart from assassination of members of the "Provisional National Defence Council" (PNDC) led by 35-year-old Flight Lt. Jerry Rawlings. Details of the plot, thwarted on Feb. 27, are gradually emerging from various sources. They indicate the precarious nature of the tenure of Rawlings and his colleagues, grappling with a host of seemingly insoluble problems.

The plot was discovered through the relatively well-organized spy network of Ghana's security

chief, Kojo Tsikata, a man widely considered to be the real power in the country. On Feb. 27, at dusk in the humid, broken down capital, troops surrounded a house in Accra's Achimota district. After a brief exchange of gunfire, 10 plotters in the house were arrested. Seven escaped. Inside the house was a stack of weapons including mortars, rockets and heavy machine guns as well as documents that shed some light on the nature of Ghana's latest conspiracy.

According to Ato Austin, Ghana's secretary for information, the documents included the text of a speech to be broadcast after the planned coup, a list of the people who financed the plot. The 10 plotters who were captured included four corporals, two lance-corporals and two privates of Ghana's army as well as two civilians identified as "Godfried Osei

and Daniel Koriey." The seven who escaped allegedly included two army officers and a civilian named as "Dr. Ishmael Antwi," who, according to Austin, held an American passport "issued in the Puerto Rican name of Roberto Figueroa Domínguez." His wife, described as "Afro-American by birth," was seen leaving the house "in a diplomatic car."

Official sources hint at American involvement in the coup. The U.S. Embassy here has been one of the main targets of Rawlings and his colleagues. Two weeks ago, the Ghanaian weekly *Voices* headlined a demand for the expulsion of the embassy's political counselor for "meddling in Ghana's internal affairs." While Americans here do not approve of Rawlings and his revolutionary rhetoric, there are few reasons to believe they would become involved in a coup to overthrow him.

Rawlings came to power for the second time on Dec. 31, 1981 together with a group of non-commissioned officers. His main achievement has been the creation of "people's defense committees" throughout the country, the launching of a "green revolution" aimed at salvaging Ghana's crumbling agriculture — and displaying relative longevity of power by Ghanaian standards. Concrete accomplishments are yet to come. Some diplomats doubt that he is capable of anything other than what is known here as "government by slogan."

Indeed, slogans stare from the crumbling walls and hoardings of the increasingly decrepit capital where a cigarette costs half a worker's daily wage. "Don't sit on the fence — it might break."

"Don't just stand there and stare — get involved." But most of the 12 million Ghanaians are tired of getting involved. Ghana's dramatic slide into penury has created political apathy which Rawlings' rallies seem unable to change. The educated classes, once Ghana's pride, prefer to avoid politics.

The abortive coup followed the massive return of over a million Ghanaians expelled by Nigeria in late January. These returnees have compounded the country's economic problems and created a new group of malcontents. Rawlings wants them to till the land — but every type of tool and implement is lacking.

These are the conditions likely to breed more coups. In the oppressive humidity of Accra, few observers are willing to bet on how long Rawlings will retain his precarious power. (LOS)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, March 21, the 80th day of 1983. There are 285 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1580 — French garrison in Novara, Italy, capitulates to forces of Ladovico Sforza.

1803 — French civil code — The Code Napoleon — is completed.

1829 — Earthquake in Spain kills 6,000 persons.

1831 — Austrian troops enter Italy to put down revolt.

1905 — Britain and Persia sign agreement to counter Russian designs in Near East.

1918 — Germans launch offensive to start second battle of Somme River in France during World War I. German guns bombard Paris from 120 kilometers away.

1919 — Edmund Allenby becomes Britain's high commissioner in Egypt. Soviet republic is proclaimed.

1939 — Germany annexes Memel from Lithuania.

1953 — The Sudan achieves self-government.

1960 — Pan-African demonstration against pass laws in South Africa leads to shooting of 57 Africans at Sharpsville, and state of emergency is declared.

1971 — About 2,000 Vietnamese troops who carried out military operation in Laos retreat across the border.

1977 — India's Prime Minister Indira Gandhi resigns after losing her seat in parliamentary elections.

1981 — Poland's Solidarity labor movement and Communist government agree to hold emergency talks amid crisis atmosphere created by police attacks on union members.

Thought for today:

Opposition always inflames the enthusiasts, never converts him — Johann Friedrich Schiller, German writer (1759-1805).

Gandhi proved no enemy is invincible

The hard way to freedom

By Michael Adams
Special to Arab News

LONDON — When I first began to take an interest in politics, it was disconcerting for me, as a patriotic young Englishman, to find that one of the few figures on the international scene whom I could admire was one of my own country's strongest opponents. There wasn't a lot of competition at the time — for this was just before World War II: you had Hitler in Germany and Mussolini in Italy, while in America, Roosevelt had not yet had the opportunity to show his quality as a statesman, and Britain's political destiny was in the hands of a succession of second-rate men who were to be swept away in 1940. But there was one man whom the British first laughed at and then got angry with but who ended up by winning our respect and our affection too. He was Mahatma Gandhi, the Indian nationalist leader who led his country to independence only to be assassinated in the moment of victory.

The details of his extraordinary career have been wonderfully represented in a film which is now holding audiences spellbound all over Britain. And that is remarkable; for Gandhi was dead before most of the people in these audiences had left school. They cannot possibly remember much about him beyond the fact that he was the foremost critic — this funny, bony, ugly little man who wore sandals and a loincloth when he went to meet vic-

eroys and cabinet ministers — of British imperialism and that he led the ultimately successful campaign to get the British out of India.

What has contributed to the film's enormous success, apart from the fact that it is beautifully made and beautifully acted, is the quality of the ideas it deals with. Here is a politician (for you have to call Gandhi that, although he was so much else besides) acting unwaveringly in defense of principles and ideals, and doing so in the face of what must have seemed impossible odds.

It is difficult to know which to admire most: the courage with which he confronted the consequences of his own actions — and those consequences included physical violence as well as political persecution at the hands of the colonial authorities — or the constancy of his faith in the eventual outcome, his refusal to be discouraged or deflected by anyone from doing what he knew was right. Above all, he applied his principles to everyone and every situation. He was not interested just in the Hindu community, whose spokesman he was, or just in the fate of India, which he did so much to shape. He was interested in human beings and in their right to be free and equal.

That is why he challenged Britain's right to rule India and why, within India itself, he challenged the caste system which excluded millions of so-called "untouchables" from

taking an equal part in the life of their country. And that is also why he opposed the Zionists in their attempt to gain control of Palestine at the expense of its Arab population.

It was not that he had anything against the Jews; on the contrary, he sympathized deeply with them as the shadow of Nazi tyranny threatened them in Europe. But he wrote in 1938, "my sympathy does not blind me to the requirements of justice. Palestine belongs to the Arabs in the sense that England belongs to the English, and I have no doubt that the Jews are going about it in the wrong way."

It was in South Africa that Gandhi embarked on his political career and he did so unintentionally (for he was trained as a lawyer) in protest against the racism practiced against Asians as well as Africans, of which he found himself a victim. There was nothing personal about this protest; he simply could not help objecting to a system which he saw as immoral as well as unjust; and where he saw injustice, Gandhi was incapable of remaining silent or inactive.

He won a signal victory in South Africa, persuading the government to repeal what were called the "Asiatic Ordinances," a set of restrictions on the freedom of citizens of Asian origin. Then he went back to India to start his fight against British rule and quickly established himself as the unquestioned leader of the all-India nationalist movement.

Gandhi took his stand on unassailable moral grounds, with what must have seemed a ludicrous disregard for hard facts. He rejected British rule because it was based on force and not on the consent of the governed; therefore, said Gandhi, it was illegitimate.

At first the British were contemptuous, thinking they had nothing to fear from what Winston Churchill called "this half-naked fakir" (the word, meaning a mendicant or devotee, is of course derived from Arabic). But the strike was effective all over the vast Indian subcontinent; and the British began to take Gandhi seriously.

Their reaction varied. At Amritsar there was a terrible massacre, when a British general ordered his Indian troops to open fire on a crowd of unarmed demonstrators.

But what could they do with so quixotic and unlikely an opponent as this gentle, humorous, inflexible moralist, who persuaded the Indian peasants to burn the English cloth which was replacing their own home-spun material (and so depriving Indians of employment); and who defied the British government's monopoly of salt by saying that salt was as necessary to life as food and water and so could not legitimately be subjected to taxation; and who traveled peaceably through India, drawing enormous crowds whom he urged to disobey the law but never to use violence against the British authorities?

For thirty years, the British wrestled with this dilemma, alternately putting Gandhi in prison and then releasing him so that he could attend conference on the future of India. During those years Gandhi himself never wavered in his advocacy of independence through nonviolence.

When India at last and after a long and often painful struggle achieved its independence, the crisis was imminent which led to the partition of Palestine and the creation of Israel. Even in the turmoil of the last stage of India's struggle, Gandhi never forgot that the principles he invoked were universal principles, which must apply wherever men sought freedom. "The Jews," he wrote in 1946, "have erred grievously in seeking to impose themselves in Palestine with the aid of America and Britain and now with the aid of naked terrorism."

Watching the film *Gandhi*, I found myself struck again and again by the parallels between the situation of the Indians a generation ago and of the Palestinians today. No obstacle could have looked more immovable than the British empire must have looked to Gandhi's contemporaries; and yet, once the weakness of its moral position was brought home to the British themselves — and this was Gandhi's central achievement — it crumbled. What won the day was courage and persistence, and nonviolence. And what sustained the Indians in their resistance was Gandhi's absolute conviction that in the end these qualities and this method were bound to succeed.

At one point in the film Gandhi says: "There have always been conquerors and tyrants, and for a time they seem invincible — but they always fall." The question is, I suppose, how best to bring forward the day when they fall. Gandhi had one way, which no one had ever tried before, and in his case it worked. It makes you think.

PECINCI, Vojvodina, Yugoslavia (LOS) — Ranka Cicak, a Yugoslav journalist who spurned a \$150,000 bribe to hush up a corruption scandal, will know shortly whether she is to be sent back to prison for a story that might have won her prizes in many countries.

Her case is being considered by Branko Petric, president of the High Court in the autonomous region of Vojvodina. He and two other judges have to decide whether 41-year-old Mrs. Cicak should be returned to Sremska Mitrovica male prison, from which she was released a month ago pending a review of her case.

By then she had served the first four months of a two-and-a-half-year jail term for making "hostile propaganda" and damaging the reputation of Yugoslavia in private conversations with villagers from Pecinci, the center of the scandal she exposed.

Local police crossed into Serbia and arrested her in her newspaper office in the capital, Belgrade, where she worked as a correspondent for the Croatian newspaper *Vjesnik*.

Her main crime seemed to have been that she talked to villagers about politicians such as the late President Tito and Minister of Internal Affairs Stane Dolanc. A court was later to rule that this was serious stuff and



FOUNDER KING: This photograph of King Abdul Aziz, the founder of Saudi Arabia, sets the tone for the chapter on the Kingdom in David Douglas Duncan's book. Right: A photograph of the late King Faisal.

THE WORLD OF ALLAH by David Douglas Duncan, published by Houghton Mifflin Co., \$40.

Book review: By Jeannette Garrett

The World of Allah

David Douglas Duncan

As a photographer for *Life* magazine, based first in the Middle East and later in Rome, David Douglas Duncan lived a nomad's life, photographing Muslims in what he considers "one of the most photographic and still challenging regions on earth." In countries as different as Spain and Saudi Arabia, Indonesia and Iran, he captured the Muslim world, a diverse world of both transition and timelessness.

The photographs were taken over a number of years during numerous journeys through this fascinating land and Duncan spent two years assembling and editing the 280-page volume.

Assignments for *Life* after World War II, and later his own personal curiosity took him to the Soviet border on maneuvers with the Turkish cavalry, to the High Atlas Mountains to live with the Berbers, to southern Iran on a tribal migration with the Qashqai nomads, and to Uganda where he traveled with a Muslim missionary.

What he came away with were the countless faces of Islam and the land inhabited by those faces. There are Muslims at work — the agile, wet hands of a Saharan potter; and at play — two veiled women testing the waters of Hawks Bay in Karachi. There is the young Zaid and his pet lamb playing among the headstones of his ancestors in a Moroccan village cemetery, and the last whirling dervish in Egypt, about seventy years old, dancing beneath minarets of Cairo's Sultan Hassan and Sultan Ahmed mosques. And there are, of course, Muslims at prayer — noontime Ramadan prayers attended by hundreds in Cairo, and a solitary prayer in an Isfahan mosque.

Photographs taken in Saudi Arabia include several of King Abdul Aziz ibn Saud, whom Duncan described as "a giant of a man, who still welcomed his Bedouin subjects as equals." Duncan was there when the founder of Saudi Arabia visited Dhahran to tour Aramco installations and he photographed the King beneath a huge palm tree-and-swords symbol. Other photographs record King Saud Ibn Abdul Aziz' first day on the throne.

Notes at the end of the volume offer brief explanations of the photographs, and in some instances, brief histories of the subject, like those on the Qashqai tribe of Iran and descriptions of Riyadh before development.

The diversity of Duncan's photographs testifies to how extensive the world of Islam is, how many lives the religion touches. His remarkable images touch those of us who have never read the Qur'an, never seen a mosque. They make concrete a world that before had been merely an abstraction.



A cover shot of the *The World of Allah*.

Identified with Ibsen's defiant heroine

Feminism was Rebecca West's forte

By Jill Craigie

LONDON (G) — An American journalist said of Dame Rebecca West who died last Tuesday: "She exhilarates by a transfusion of vitality." She did more than that. With her inordinate wit, her searing intellect, her sparkling manner and femininity, she cast a spell on those lucky enough to meet and know her.

Born on Dec. 21, 1892, of a military family from County Kerry, Ireland, Cicely Isabel Fairfield, as she was then called, won a scholarship to George Watson's Ladies College, Edinburgh. No sooner had she arrived there than — at the age of 14 — she astonished her headmistress by bursting into print in the *Scottishman* newspaper as an advocate of votes for women. Giving an early proof of her independent nature, she left on her own initiative to become, first an actress, then a teenage dogbody to the militant Women's Social and Political Union.

Rebecca's experience as a suffragette laid

the foundation for a series of reviews and newspaper articles written at the tender age of 19 and somehow with such fluency, originality and humor that Bernard Shaw, Arnold Bennett, H.G. Wells and Robert Blatch-Ford hailed the advent of a bright new star in the literary firmament. But only one of those articles appeared under the ladylike name of Cicely Fairfield. On the first page of her first press-cutting album she wrote in her beautiful hand-writing: "Rebecca West. Born Feb. 15, 1912." Already, she had decided to identify herself with Ibsen's dazzling and rebellious heroine, as if willing her whole life to become a defiance of what men thought women ought to be.

Before long Shaw wrote: "Rebecca can handle a pen as brilliantly as ever I could and much more savagely." Certainly, she must have given one of her readers, H.G. Wells, a sleepless night over her review of his novel, *Marriage*. If she had failed to acknowledge his genius, if she had misunderstood what he

was trying to say, he could have dismissed the assault. Most uncomfortable for him she understood all too well: "Of course, he is the old maid among novelists. Even the obsession that lay clotted on Anne Verneola and the new Machiavelli like cold white sauce was merely old maid's mania, the reaction toward the flesh of a mind too long absorbed in airships and colloids."

In those pre-1914 years, Rebecca was far to the left of H.G. Wells. Later she came to regard all political ideologies as transient, but to her feminism she remained consistent. Feminist characters and ideas abound in most of her fiction and she often criticized books and plays from a feminist point of view. She considered the public schoolboys, who made up the House of Commons during the suffrage agitation, as the greatest natural opponents of feminism, along with the parasitic woman of the upper or middle class, whom she dubbed our lady of loot.

By the time she was 30, Rebecca had established her reputation as a writer. Primarily, she was an artist, deeply concerned with the purpose of art and with the problems of freeing herself from the masculine values by which works of art are judged. To aim at success in a man's world by defying man-made rules is to play against loaded dice.

The most perceptive analysis of Rebecca's work, properly related to her feminism, came from the pen of a man, Samuel Hynes, in his introduction to *A Celebration*, an excellent selection of some of the best of her writings. (The volume omits those brilliant early essays, but these, happily, have been reissued by Virago.) Nobody has understood so well as Hynes the reason for Rebecca's fascination with the theme of treason. He showed how this development followed logically from her magnum opus, *Black Lamb and Grey Falcon*, in which she disintegrated the buried and complex reasons which led to the climax of World War II. This magnificent achievement, coupled with her two books on the treason trials, appear at first glance to have no connection with feminism, but as Hynes wrote of Rebecca's second novel, *The Return of the Soldier*: "From it emerges the antithesis that continues throughout Dame Rebecca's work, between the will-to-die, which is male and creates poverty, war and the ruin of civilizations, and the will-to-live which is female and bears and nourishes." Law is the wall which must necessarily be built against disorder, therefore treason is, as Hynes put it, "a wilful breaching of that wall, and fascism is a denial that a wall can exist."

Asia's hewers of wood and carriers of water

By Arjuna

MANILA (Depthnews) — Thousands of Asians still eke out a living as carriers of water and hewers of wood. It is the only means of livelihood they know. They, particularly the water carriers, are a common sight in the villages and urban slums which are still to enjoy the boon of piped potable water. Without the carriers, lack of water in many Asian hamlets would be more acutely felt.

Representative of such service people is 60-year-old Salamat. For 25 years now, he has been vending water (in tin cans) to residents of a crowded Indonesian kampong (shantytown) in northern Jakarta. He smilingly reports that business is good these days since water has become more scarce due to the continued increase in the population of the kampong.

In 1977, residents of the kampong Salamat served counted at over 34,000 — more than 1,000 people to a square kilometer. Their only source of water is a rusted tank located some distance away from the ghetto. Inevitably, people suffer from diarrhea and skin diseases including the water vendors.

Majority of the residents are laborers and itinerant vendors, the latter selling anything from plain muscle power to locally manufactured biscuits, combs, toys, etc. On part of the water carriers, little is left from their daily earnings to defray cost of installing latrines or sanitary facilities in their homes. A big part of their daily capital goes to the buying of water which they resell. The current selling price of water in the kampong is 200 rupiahs (\$0.33) per tin.

Some of the better-off households in the

kampong maintain artesian wells operated with handpumps. However, the water is too salty to drink and used only for washing. Not more than six houses on the kampong's main road are served by piped city water. It is from one of such houses that Salamat buys the water he sells.

The houses with piped water pay only a nominal rate to the government. They more than recoup such an expense by selling some of their water to Salamat and other vendors at 20 rupiahs (\$0.03), or more, per tin. Some of the houses even employ vendors and pay them wages.

Salamat, who used to earn a mere \$0.25 a day in the 1950's, today makes something like \$70 a month if he works seven days a week. It is "enough money," says Salamat, higher than the average income in the kampong which is about 38,000 rupiahs (US\$63) a month.

Salamat's kampong is a far cry from the success story of Banyuwidi, an upland village in Central Java, which has been able to bring water to all of the houses through sheer community effort. However, the rich have the better part of the deal.

Some 75 percent of the water used in Banyuwidi is for domestic purposes, the rich and the poor using the same amount of water. But the better-off households also use some of the water for irrigation, enabling them to increase their income while paying nothing for such use of the water.

This pattern of unintended subsidy for the better-off is taking place in many of Indonesia's villages fortunate enough to be covered by the government's efforts to make available a basic service — potable water.

Walesa devises plan to wrest reforms

VIENNA, March 20 (AP) — Lech Walesa, leader of the banned Polish Solidarity trade union, is pushing a strategy of limited, peaceful protests to wrest reforms from the Communist regime, according to an interview published here.

In an interview in the respected Vienna daily *Die Presse* on Saturday, Walesa said "we have devised many efficient means of pressure, many of which haven't been tried out yet."

Poll predicts Labor defeat

LONDON, March 20 (AP) — Britain's opposition Labor Party will lose its House of Commons seat at Darlington in a special election Thursday to the centrist Social Democratic Party-Liberal alliance, an opinion poll in *The Sunday People* predicted.

There is intense speculation that Laborite leader Michael Foot may resign if Darlington is lost, following the upset win of the alliance over Labor in the Bermondsey seat in London one month ago.

The latest poll showed the two-year-old alliance leading in the northeast England industrial constituency with 38.6 percent of the vote, Labor second with 36.5 percent and the ruling Conservatives 24.6 percent. Fringe candidates had 0.3 percent. Earlier polls had the Laborites narrowly in front.

The Sunday People said Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was losing support among the traditionally conservative women of Darlington who are attracted to the alliance candidate Tony Cook, a local television program presenter.

Bomb kills Haitian

PORT-AU-PRINCE, March 20 (R) — One man was killed when a powerful bomb ripped through the office of a Japanese car company here early Saturday, the fourth bomb attack in the Haitian capital since the beginning of the year.

Police said the explosive caused extensive damage at the sales office of Toyota. No motive for the attack was given and no group immediately claimed responsibility for the blast. Last Wednesday, a bomb wrecked part of the offices of the newspaper *Le Nouveau Monde*, official organ of the government of President-for-life Jean Claude Duvalier.

Walesa said, "our possibilities to exert pressure can be regionally effective. One cannot enforce the same forms everywhere. What counts are the successes leading to the final aim. I believe in the prudence of plants and regions."

One such form of protest, he said, could be cancellation during summer months of television licenses in Poland, like in some other European countries, viewers pay a fee for TV subscription.

"That would be a big loss to the state treasury, and we could take more walks in the meantime," Walesa was quoted as saying in the interview he gave in Gdansk after attending a trial of former Solidarity officials.

We could also stop buying the state drinks and make our own fruit juices for family holidays. Should we get along with it, that would be another form of protest," the popular union leader said.

He added, "it may sound ridiculous, but our activists in the regions are absolutely capable of devising many nice and efficient means of pressure."

Walesa confirmed that while he is on the payroll of the Lenin Shipyard, the birthplace of Solidarity, he has so far been barred from entering his former place of work. Before the 1980 upheavals Walesa was an electrician at the shipyard.

According to the newspaper report, Walesa reaffirmed that it would be impossible for anyone to "bury" the ideals he has been striving for.

"We have not invented them (those ideas)," Walesa was quoted as saying, "still many more times the working people will claim their rights under this (Solidarity) banner. I believe they are immortal, and we shall win — once."

Asked to comment on the new government-sponsored Polish unions, he said, "they don't interest me. I am bound by my (Solidarity) oath, and I feel obliged to carry out what I have sworn to (accomplish)."

"However, in future, I would like to see a competitor in my activity," Walesa also said of the new unions "they should be in accordance with the signed international conventions, at the same time they should be accepted by society and also be effective."

"If this pluralism also offers the possibility of activity for everybody, for everybody who may voice his views, cooperation will also be possible."

Charles, Diana arrive in Australian outback town

SYDNEY, March 20 (AP) — Prince Charles and his wife, Princess Diana, flew to the Australian outback town of Alice Springs Sunday to start a five-week visit to Australia and New Zealand.

Accompanied by their baby son, Prince William, the royal couple flew from London aboard a Royal Australian Air Force Boeing 707, touching down in bright desert sunshine shortly before 8 a.m. after a 24-hour flight. The prince and princess were followed off

the plane by the young prince, who was carried by his nanny. Princess Diana took the baby and posed for photographs with her husband, to the applause of about 2,000 Alice Springs residents who had gathered at the small airport for the arrival.

Australia's notorious bush flies seemed to disturb the young prince as they settled on his face, and Prince Charles who has visited Australia many times, remarked: "He's got flies on him already."

After official greetings, Princess Diana handed the baby back to the nanny and he was flown to Albury in New South Wales where he will remain while his parents spend two days touring the northern territory.

Groups of residents of Alice Springs, including aborigines from shanty settlements on the outskirts of town gathered along the road to see the royal couple as they were driven into town.

The prince and princess checked into the

Gap Motel on the edge of the desert town of 12,000. They were given the presidential suite. The main feature of the 360-a-night motel is a spa bath.

The royal couple were to have stayed at the more elaborate Federal Casino Hotel and Resort, but it was damaged by floodwaters which swept through the town a week ago.

Road graders were at work at dawn, leveling the road in front of the motel in time for the arrival of the prince and princess.

British fashion gets boost

LONDON, March 20 (AP) — On her first overseas royal tour, Princess Diana will be a walking advertisement for British fashion.

The 21-year-old princess, voted the best-dressed woman in Britain in a magazine poll last fall, is taking a wardrobe by British and British-based designers to Australia and New Zealand.

At a fashion show sponsored by the "better made in Britain" campaign on Thursday, Sir Basil Feldman who heads the clothing developments committee told the princess: "Your charisma and sense of style has increased interest in British fashion design and has consequently helped to focus attention on the British garment industry at home and abroad."

The show was Diana's last public appearance before her departure Friday night for the 22-hour flight to Alice Springs but she told designer Jenny Fearn that she was still putting her wardrobe together.

In fact, the tall blonde princess, dubbed "a right royal shopper" by the tabloid *Sun* newspaper, has been meticulously preparing a wardrobe of day and evening dresses for her 6-week tour.

The Princess of Wales, who likes to buy her clothes off-the-rack, has chosen her clothes from designers Bellville Sassoon, Caroline Charles, Gina Fratini, Bruce Oldfield, Jasper Conran, Jean Muir, Victor Edelstein, Jacques Azagury, Arabella Pollen, Jan Vanvelzen, Monica Chong and Benny Ong.

Years ago, before Queen Elizabeth II left on royal tours, her favorite designers Hardy Amies and the late Norman Hartnell used to issue "tendency" sketches of the monarch's wardrobe. In recent years, this practice has been stopped.

Trend-setting Diana has kept her Down Under wardrobe a secret, but several designers have discreetly hinted at their choices. Gina Fratini was quoted by *The Daily Express* as saying: "I have made her a lovely evening dress in cream silk chintz, and two day outfits

— one in voile, and one in a blue striped cotton. They're blouses and skirts that look like dresses."

Benny Ong has reportedly made three silk outfits — Diana's favorite fabric. *The Express* said Monica Chong's designs include a white pique jacket and skirt and two ballgowns, one in pink spangles and one in pink tulle.

An airline official who watched Prince Charles and Princess Diana, baggage being loaded aboard the Australian Air Force Boeing 707 said he lost count of the boxes and suitcases. "They had twice as much as when the queen went to Australia," the official said.

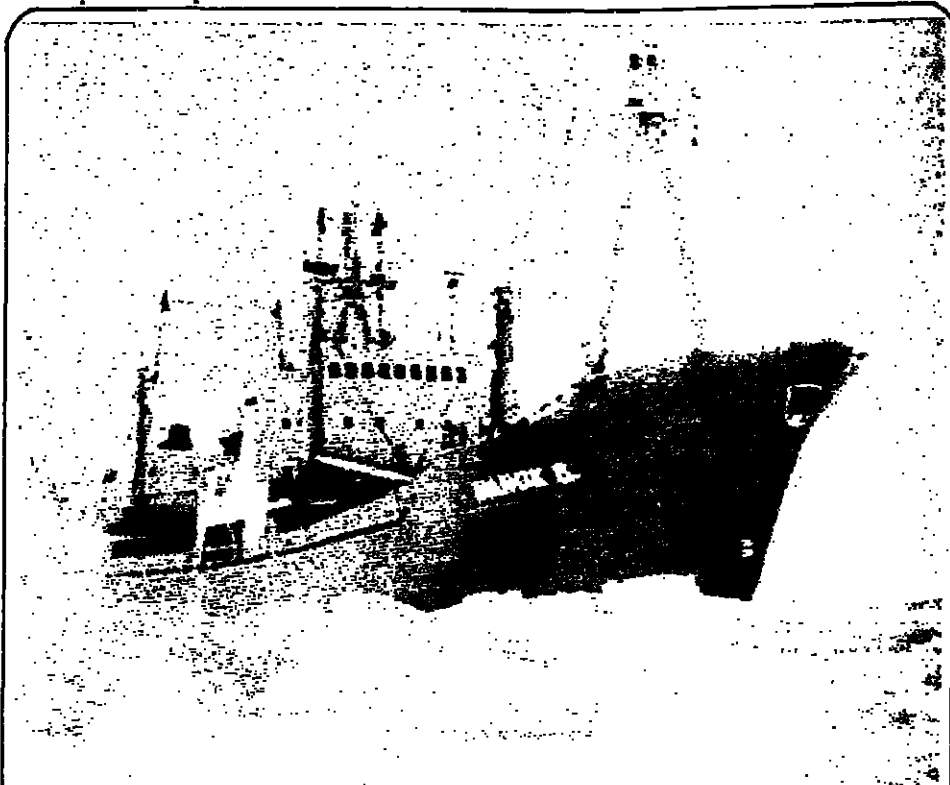
Undoubtedly, some of the excess baggage was for 8-month-old Prince William, making his first royal tour. But the local guessing was that much of it was Diana's wardrobe.

Several British tabloids reported last year that Diana was spending 1,500 pounds (\$2,250) a week on clothes — a figure which drew a rare Buckingham Palace denial. The palace usually refuses to comment on the personal lives of the royal family.

Daily Mail gossip columnist Nigel Dempster said that three days after he criticized Diana for never wearing the same dress twice, she appeared in a dress for the second time "and that's not just coincidence." Several reports have said Diana will also be taking some "old" clothes to Australia and New Zealand.

There is no doubt that one of Diana's favorite pastimes is prowling her favorite boutiques and department stores in the trendy Knightsbridge district. In October, she was out for three days in a row, parking her car in "no parking" zones.

But Meriel McCooy reported in last week's *Sunday Times* magazine that the Princess was so busy that two ladies from *Vogue* magazine were helping out by collecting clothes from various shops and letting her make her selection at her Kensington Palace home.



TRAPPED IN ICE: A file photo of the Australian Antarctic supply ship *Nanok S* which is trapped last week in pack ice about 1,800 miles from Perth, west Australia. All 54 scientists and crew aboard the ship are in condition with plenty of food.

U.S. volcano spews steam and ash

VANCOUVER, Washington, March 20 (AP) — Mount St. Helens shot a plume of steam and ash about 5,600 feet into the clear skies of southwest Washington on Saturday.

The plume lasted six minutes and was visible 60 miles away in Portland, Oregon, said a spokesman for the University of Washington Geophysics Center, which monitors activity at the mountain.

An eruption alert by the U.S. Geological Survey, which said scientists believed the mountain would have a peaceful dome-

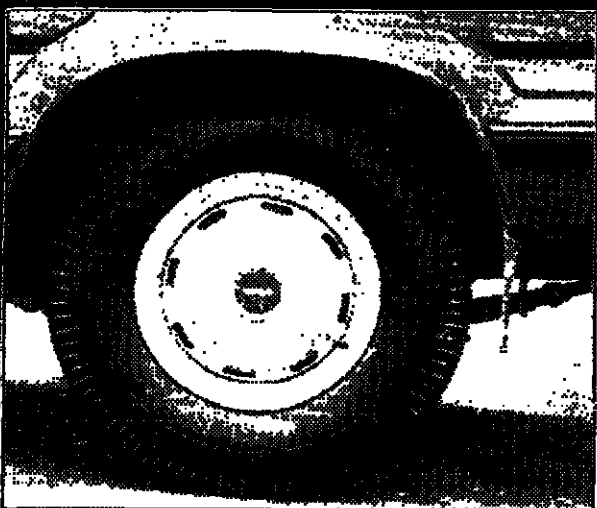
building eruption within three weeks, remained in effect. The alert was issued March 6.

In such an eruption, molten rock is pushed from within the ground and adds to the size of the lava dome inside the crater, which already is bigger than a sports stadium.

The volcano first stirred to life in this century three years ago. Its blast on May 18, 1980 leveled 150 square miles, left 59 persons dead or missing and sent up an ash cloud that circled the globe.

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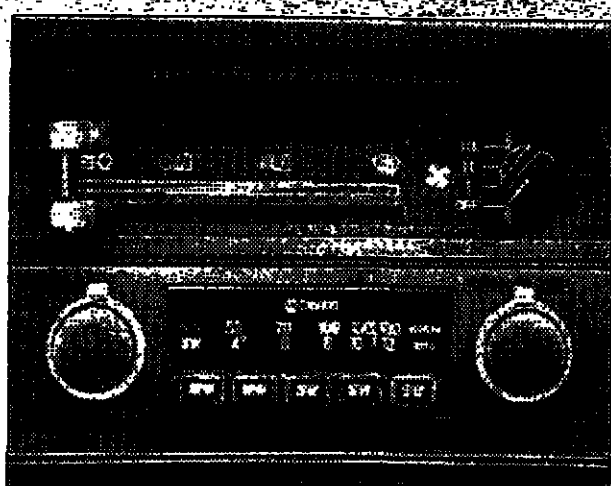
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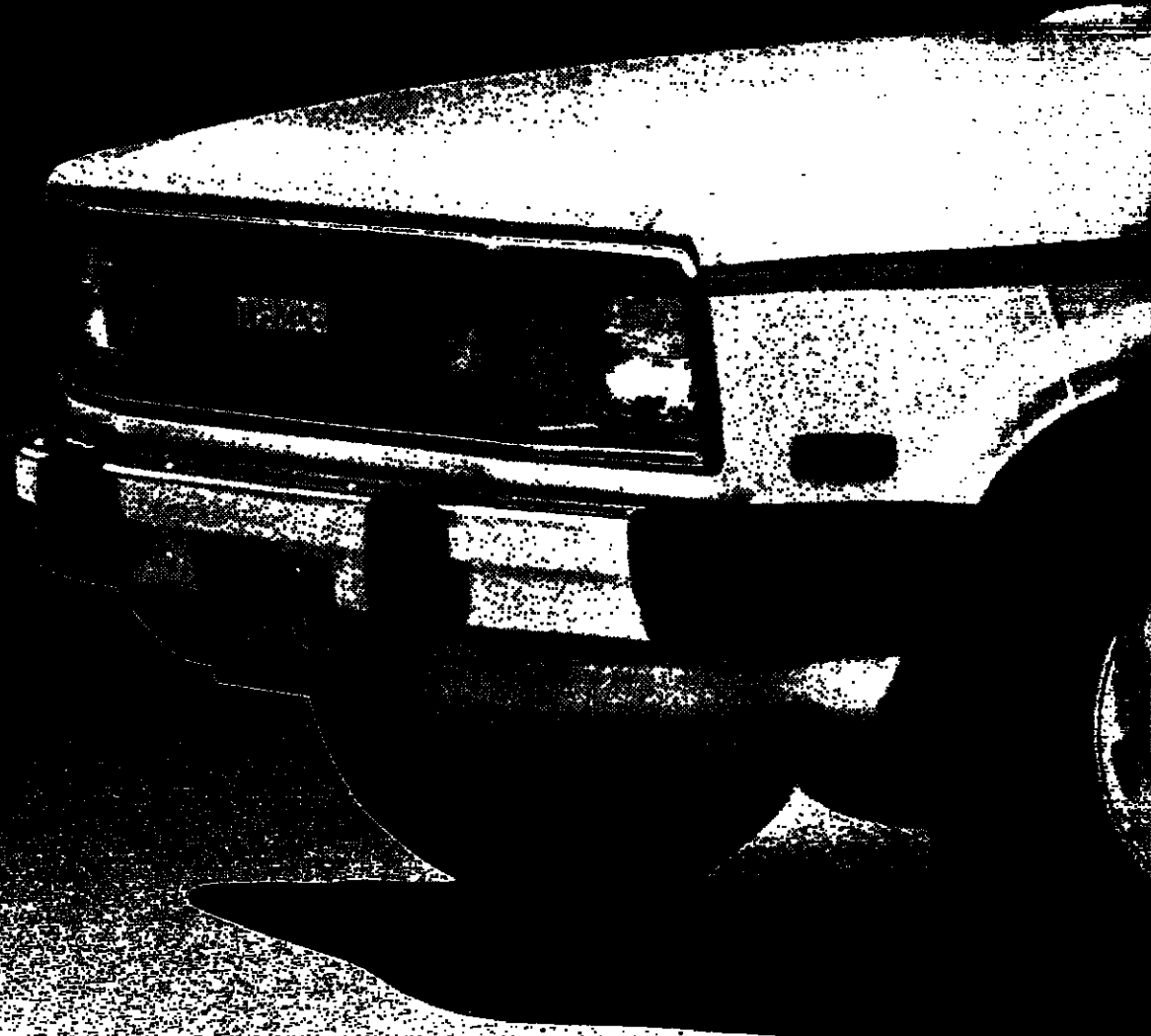


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Peace commission member predicts

Salvador amnesty 'will succeed'

SAN SALVADOR, March 20 (AP) — The head of a special government peace commission on Saturday predicted that leftist rebels would accept a new amnesty plan presented last week to President Alvaro Magana.

The government has refused to reveal details of the plan pending a review by Magana. But Francisco Quinonez, president of the peace commission, said the rebels "are going to realize that it would be a huge mistake" to reject the offer once they learn of its provisions.

The guerrillas' clandestine Radio Venceremos attacked the commission and the amnesty plan in a broadcast Wednesday, the day before the proposal was presented to Magana. The three-man commission was formed by Magana earlier this month and instructed to revise the existing amnesty law.

Quinonez said he had high hopes for the new plan because it differs from previous proposals, including an amnesty offer made to the rebels in 1980.

Only a few rebels accepted the amnesty offer extended by the civilian-military junta that took power in 1979.

Radio Venceremos accused Quinonez, a businessman who heads the small right-wing Salvadoran Popular Party, of "financing the death squads" that are blamed by human rights groups for murdering thousands of civilians during El Salvador's 41-month Civil War.

The rebel broadcast also accused the other two commission members, Dr. Jose Guillermo Trabanco and Marco Rene Revelo, the bishop of Santa Ana, of being rightists who could not be trusted. "Based on the moral composition of this commission, we can see what kind of peace the dictatorship is seeking," Radio Venceremos said.

The broadcast said the government's promise of general elections in December and the proposed amnesty are "a crude attempt to halt the collapse of the regime" and justify the Reagan administration's

efforts to increase U.S. military aid to the conservative government.

Rebels have rejected the government's invitation to field candidates in the elections, saying their representatives would not be free to campaign and their safety would be in jeopardy until rightists were purged from the army.

In another development, more than 200 persons attended the funeral of Marianella Garcia Villas, president of the El Salvador Human Rights Commission, an organization independent of the government and accused by officials of leftist sympathies.

The Defense Ministry said she was killed last Sunday along with 21 guerrillas when a rebel band ambushed an army patrol near the Guazapa volcano. The ministry claimed she had joined the guerrillas' ranks, but the commission denied the charge and said she entered the combat zone to investigate claims that government troops had killed civilians in the area.

Civil strife lays waste coffee-producing town

BERLIN, El Salvador, March 20 (AFP) — This small town, with its 7,000 refugees and thousands out of work, and entire districts laid waste by air attacks last January, offers tragic testimony to the nation's continuing strife.

Once the center of a rich coffee-producing region 110 kilometers east of the capital, it epitomizes the tragic consequences of the three years of Civil War which have engulfed this region of the Central American country. At the end of January, Berlin, numbering some 50,000 inhabitants, was temporarily occupied by fighters of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front.

Now, work has already started to clear the site of the burned out shells of five houses in the city center, destroyed during bombing raids and a massive fire. Mayor Santiago Paz-bek said this was in the context of a \$1,500,000 aid program initiated by the International Development Agency (AID) to combat the political and social consequences of the war.

Apart from clearing away ruins, the first of these projects is to lay new drainage, pave the streets and provide proper burial in the cemetery for all the bodies in makeshift graves around the city. The spread of fighting to this region progressively paralyzed its economic activity and caused the exodus of

thousands of people seeking refuge in safer areas and the influx of refugees fleeing the combat zones.

Refugee camps in makeshift dwellings are scattered round the outskirts of the town. They house more than 300 families, the

Minister's offer to quit rejected

SAN SALVADOR, March 20 (R) — Defense Minister Jose Guillermo Garcia offered to resign but was turned down, senior military sources said, commenting on persistent rumors that he is about to give up the post he has held since 1979.

The sources, who declined to be named, said Saturday Gen. Garcia submitted his resignation in the first week of March but it was rejected by President Alvaro Magana. They did not know whether the offer was meant to comply with a requirement that officers retire after 30 years service.

Many junior and middle-rank officers in the U.S.-backed army say privately they feel Gen. Garcia is largely responsible for lack of success in the war against left-wing guerrillas of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN).

thousands of others having found shelter with friends or relatives. The mayor said business interests had left for other towns. The coffee harvest finished in January, and it had been a bad year.

The deserted plantations had been attacked by rust, a disease which particularly affects coffee plants. "We have debts, but now we won't even be able to pay off the interest," the mayor, whose house at the corner of the square had been almost devastated by fires, said.

An emergency committee had been set up by the municipality to tackle the town's pressing needs. Sacks of maize, rice, beans, sugar and containers of oil were stacked up in a warehouse waiting to be distributed to the population.

The man in charge said he owned some land 10 kilometers outside town, which he had not been able to visit for the past three years. There was once a house, but everything had gone, down to the bricks. But in spite of everything, the town was going ahead with its festival.

In one corner, a dozen little stalls, run by old women for the most part, were selling homemade cakes, milk and fruit. Children were given pencils and notebooks, but there weren't enough to go round.

Physicians seek ban on nuclear tests

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts, March 20 (AP) — The head of an American physicians group spoke out Saturday in favor of a complete ban on nuclear weapons testing as a means of ending the arms race.

"The most urgent problem we have now is that we will have a nuclear war," Dr. Helen M. Caldicott, president of Physicians for Social Responsibility, said at a day-long conference on arms control at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "All else is secondary. It's a concern that is being taken up all over the country."

She noted that resolutions are pending in both houses of the U.S. Congress calling for a resumption of talks on a comprehensive test ban treaty. Discussions were suspended in 1980. "We've got an enormous way to go," she said. "The next few weeks will be important."

A comprehensive test ban treaty would outlaw all testing of nuclear weapons, including those conducted underground. Under the terms of a limited test ban treaty signed by the United States, the Soviet Union and Britain in 1963, such tests are outlawed in the air, underwater and in space.

In an unrelated development, about 15 nuclear freeze advocates who claimed a train was carrying nuclear warheads through Colorado gathered around the train in a station Saturday, and two persons were arrested on obstruction charges, police said.

The two were arrested in a train yard in North Denver where the Burlington northern freight train stopped to change engines and crews, said Shirley Whiteside, a member of a group called the Catholic Worker, which gives aid to the poor.

The men, identified as Marshall Gourley and Bill Sulzman, of Denver, were being held for investigation of obstructing a passage, a misdemeanor, said a sheriff's officer.

Gourley is an associate priest and Sulzman is a member of the Catholic Worker. Ms. Whiteside said. Nuclear freeze advocates said the train carried nuclear warheads bound for Washington state.

Mike Wenniger, media relations manager for the Burlington Northern Railroad in St. Paul, Minnesota, said Friday that the railroad has a contract with the U.S. Energy Department to transport classified cargo from Amarillo, Texas, to a Trident nuclear submarine base in Bangor, Washington.

Swazi premier sacked

JOHANNESBURG, March 20 (AFP) — Ndlovukazi, the queen regent of Swaziland, has dismissed Prime Minister Prince Mabandla Dlamini, the South African Press Agency reported Sunday, quoting the Swaziland government gazette.

No reasons were given for the prime minister's sacking but it is understood that he wanted to abolish the supreme council of state or Ligoqo. It is believed that he would be tried for high treason. It was reported earlier that two members of the Ligoqo

had been arrested for making "seditious statements", but they are expected to be released Monday.

The 16-member Ligoqo currently has the task of finding a successor to King Sobhuza, who died last August. It also advises the queen regent, the late king's senior wife, who is known as the "great she-elephant."

No major reshuffle of the cabinet is expected, and in view of imminent general elections in Swaziland an acting prime minister is expected to be announced shortly.

Thailand begins election process

BANGKOK, March 20 (AFP) — Thailand on Sunday began preparing for snap general elections on April 18. The poll will bring in Thailand's first fully democratic parliament following the defeat last week of army-backed amendments to the 1978 constitution.

The proposed changes would have extended the military's traditional domination of politics, now due to be reduced when temporary provisions of the constitution expire April 21, four years after they were passed.

The Thai Army, in two separate white papers issued during the constitutional debate, had argued against changes in the voting procedure which analysts said would strengthen the big political parties and further weaken the military's role in politics.



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First time in decades

L.America's output registers 1% decline

WASHINGTON, March 20 (Agencies) — Production in Latin America and the Caribbean declined by an average 1 percent last year, according to Antonio Ortiz Mena, president of the Inter-American Development Bank.

He said it was the first decline in "many decades." Although production figures are not available for before World War II, officials at the bank said they believe it may have been the first decline since the Great Depression in the 1930s.

Rock group buys Shah of Iran's jet

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, March 20 (AP) — Menudo, the highly successful Puerto Rican Rock group, will jet to future concerts in a luxurious Lockheed jet-star last used by the late Shah of Iran.

The jet, complete with rugs, silk cushions and studio, was sold by Shah Muhammad Reza Pahlavi shortly before his death in 1980. Padosa, the group that manages Menudo, purchased the plane for an undisclosed sum from Phillips aviation of Mexico city.

James Rosa, co-pilot for the group's private plane, estimated the plane's worth at as high as \$9 million. He said the group will retain its Beechcraft King-Air.

Menudo, by far Latin America's No. 1 youth music group, is comprised of five teen-age boys who are replaced as their voices change. Three persons were trampled to death last month in Puebla, Mexico, as fans rushed to greet the boys. Wild mob scenes are common for Menudo, who appeal mainly to pre-adolescent girls.

Corrupt Soviet aide sacked

MOSCOW, March 20 (Agencies) — A senior Soviet official with a taste for high living has been dismissed from his post for corruption and abusing his powers, the Communist Party paper *Pravda* reported Sunday.

It said Anatoli Ershov exploited his position as first vice minister in the Ministry of Machine Building for Light and Food Industry and Household Appliances to build himself a luxurious country home near Leningrad.

He made use of ministry building materials and equipment for his dacha and recruited his own staff to do the work, *Pravda* said.

But it was his expensive tastes as a collector and his weakness for presents which caused his downfall. At his 50th birthday party, which he actually held at the ministry, he was showered with gifts from his staff and businessmen — from watches to electronic calculators to crystal and stainless steel and even a vase with his portrait worth 302 rubles (\$450).

Needless to say, all these presents were "paid for with state money," the newspaper said. The incident, in addition to inefficient

running of his ministry prompted the committee for political control, part of the party central committee to sack Ershov.

Since Yuri Andropov took over as general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, half a dozen ministers have lost their jobs for incompetence or corruption, notably in the fields of transport, trade and the fish industry.

He was the highest-ranking official known to have fallen victim to a drive against corruption. Ershov's superior, Minister Ivan I. Pudukov, and a senior Communist Party official at the ministry were also rebuked for showing negligence toward Ershov's flagrant misuse of state funds.

Another corruption case printed Feb. 19 in *Pravda* reported that a deputy minister of the aviation industry had been fired for failing to report a colleague who embezzled more than \$80,000 of state funds. The embezzler was jailed for 15 years.

No date has given for that case, but it appeared it had occurred before Andropov took over. Its prominent publication in the country's most authoritative newspaper, however, was almost certainly intended to stress Andropov's anti-corruption drive.

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He said he was encouraged by the cut in oil prices, a fall in interest rates and the apparent recovery of the U.S. economy. "I think this year and next will be very difficult for the area," he said, "But there are some encouraging signs."

Economists say last year's decline occurred largely because economies were depressed in the richer countries, which in turn bought fewer goods mostly raw materials from the poor countries. Bank officials said they hope the decline has bottomed out, but that there were no reliable projections so far for this year.

Ortiz Mena gave his figure at a news conference on the bank's annual report released Saturday. It showed that the bank last year approved \$2.74 billion worth of loans, 10 percent over the record figure of 1981. The money goes to help farming and other industries in the effort to raise the area's low living standards.

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Famous brands losing millions Fakes of top makes take big slice of the cake

HONG KONG, March 20 (R) — A French watch manufacturer recently hired a steam-roller to run over 6,000 watches to publicize its concern at the volume of fake goods flooding the markets of the Far East.

To its embarrassment, some of the crushed watches still worked and the firm, Cartier, shipped them from Hong Kong to its factory in Paris for close scrutiny by experts.

"It was amazing. That's why we need to compare the quality of the fake watches," Mini Tang, Cartier's assistant public relations manager, told Reuters. To the despair of customs officials and the embarrassment of governments, a wide variety of bogus goods are now available to cater for the lust of the public for top brand names.

"The underground industry is so industrialized that its products are of high quality and therefore beyond the ability of buyers to detect. As a result companies are losing millions in revenue," said one French fashion house manager.

A dealer for the Japanese watch firm Seiko, noting Hong Kong's reputation as one of the most notorious tourist shopping centers for fakes, said an Indian businessman asked him recently where he could buy the best Seiko imitations. Hong Kong officials seized 16 million Hong Kong dollars (\$2.5 million) worth of fakes ranging from jeans, sportswear, leather bags, fabrics and watches last year, but admitted that this represented only the tip of the iceberg.

The British colony has a special customs squad to try to track down fakes made and sold locally. It also tries to stop fakes made in other countries reaching the Hong Kong market.

The squad discovered recently that several Japanese fake products were being sent to Hong Kong and sold to unsuspecting Japanese tourists to take back home.

Its chief, Jack Howard, said the watches seized were mainly conventional mechanical ones bearing falsified Swiss and Japanese brand names for export to Japan, South Korea, Thailand, Africa and the Middle East. But he added that more recently counterfeit elec-

tronic watches had been found.

Fake watches with exclusive brand names could be bought for as little as Hong Kong dollars 200 (\$25) in tourist shops. But Howard said that many local retailers dealt in cheap watches modeled on a renowned brand with a locally made gold-plated base and metal bracelet-like band. These were sold to tourists as solid gold expensive models.

Many of the fake leather handbags, belts and clothing accessories such as ties and scarves on sale in Hong Kong were imported from Europe, the bulk from Italy. A leading department store was fined two years ago for selling fake leather goods — and for more than the price of genuine leather articles.

Howard said that Hong Kong jeans manufacturers, normally law-abiding, accepted occasional orders for counterfeit goods because of the high profit margin. Popular brands of jeans were mostly exported to the Middle East.

Howard's squad descended on the high technology pirates last month for the first time, seizing three batches of fake manuals and computer programs with pirated versions of Apple products which sell for one-fifth or one-tenth of the price of the genuine products.

The South China *Morning Post* reported that several prominent Hong Kong business houses and banks used counterfeit computer systems to escape paying expensive licenses on registered products.

Clive Burton, managing director of Bis Software Limited, which provides programs to more than 300 banks throughout the world, said: "One of the better known banks in Hong Kong is using one of our systems without paying the license. It is using it in about six outlets and saving about 500,000 Hong Kong dollars (\$75,000) in each case."

The California-based Apple Company is awaiting civil judgments: on 20 writs against alleged Hong Kong imitators. In addition to helping the special customs squad and pursuing trade claims in the courts, international companies have appealed directly to the public.

Weekly commodities

Metals move in tandem as gold plummets

LONDON, March 20 (AFP) — The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) decision to cut crude-oil prices and agree on production quotas brought little immediate reaction on the commodity markets this week.

But later reports that lower prices were being quoted by the Soviet Union, Mexico and later Egypt, unsettled dealers, particularly in the metals section, as fears developed that an oil price war may be close.

Giving late support to sentiment were the cuts in interest rates in various European countries, and the bigger-than-expected rise in U.S. industrial output in February which kindled hope that the recession in North America may be coming to an end.

Tin remained a firm feature, edging up to new record levels. Nickel spurred to its highest in nearly four years, and coffee touched its highest in nearly three years. But the rest of the metals followed gold lower after its early gain. Gas-oil futures fluctuated higher, but failed to hold best levels. Rubber eased on prospects of cheaper synthetic material.

Sterling, which fell to its lowest since November 1976, brought some mid-week spurt to markets, but this speculative involvement gradually disappeared as the currency steadied.

Gold: Easier. The market turned firmer at first, largely reflecting relief that the protracted OPEC meeting had finished. Then it eased because the new OPEC oil price benchmark of \$29 per barrel had already been largely discounted. Subsequently, in unison

with New York, the market became unsettled because of continued pessimism about OPEC's chances of maintaining the new price in the face of outside pressures. But the fall in European bank rates turned prices up from the bottom.

Copper: Uncertain. An early rally disappeared following the shock rise in market stocks (up 4,125 tons to 302,750 tons — the highest since February 1979).

Tin: Very steady. The relentless buying support by the Tin Council's buffer stock manager continued. Prices advanced to new record levels of over 9,000 pounds a ton — the cash peak reached in February 1982.

Lead: Dull. Early gains were lost, and the market drifted down in quiet trading. Stocks shot up by 4,950 tons to a record 154,800 tons. Latest figures from the International Lead and Zinc Study Group (ILZSG) showed that Western world consumption continued to fall in 1982 — by 4 percent.

Zinc: Irregular. The recent chartist buying support was extended at first, but interest later faded in unison with other markets. Stocks rose by just 400 tons to 91,225 tons.

Silver: Irregular. The fluctuating trend continued, with early firmness developing in line with New York and gold and after the 70,000-ounce fall in market stocks to

34,080,000 ounces.

Aluminum: Easier. Sentiment turned against this market, which has moved up over 40 percent since the beginning of the year. Sharp losses appeared, although movements were still erratic at times. Stocks increased by 2,675 tons to a massive 264,925 tons — only 300 tons below the all-time record touched last month.

Nickel: Firmer. Prices moved up to their highest since May 1979 just after the market opened in London as strong producer or merchant short-covering continued.

Other metals: Platinum fluctuated up and down with gold to close at \$403.00 (against \$414.25) or \$268.85 (against \$275) pounds an ounce. Cobalt's recovery continued — it was marked up to 6.05/6.30 (against 5.85/6.05) dollars/lb.

Scrap: Marginal reductions were noted in the price of copper, brass and lead, and there was a small gain in whitmetal. But the rest of the non-ferrous metals (gunmetal, nickel-silver, nickel, zinc, and aluminum) were unchanged. Ferrous scrap was also unchanged.

Petroleum: Uncertain. The gas-oil futures market moved sharply up and down before the OPEC oil price accord, then turned generally firmer. But prices fell back from their best in thin trading in unison with New York.

Qatar plans spending cuts

DOHA, March 20 (R) — The Gulf state of Qatar will cut non-essential government spending by at least a fifth following a drop in oil prices and production, a Qatari daily newspaper said Sunday.

Al-Rayyeh reported that it understood the budget for the new financial year beginning April 14 would also bar the creation of new government jobs. Qatar, a small producer of about 300,000 barrels daily of crude, stands to lose about \$1.5 million a day in oil revenue under an OPEC agreement last week cutting prices by \$5 a barrel.

Under a transition budget covering the 18 months from Oct. 28, 1981, the annual rate of spending was cut by a third to 8.36 billion Qatari rials (\$2.3 billion).

Oman trims oil price by \$5

BAHRAIN, March 20 (R) — Non-OPEC Oman has joined Gulf states in cutting oil prices by \$5 a barrel to new OPEC levels set this week at crisis talks in London, Gulf oil analysts have said.

Oman, a small producer of about 350,000 barrels of crude daily, offered a number of times to give discounts to its customers in the weeks preceding the London OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) conference, they said.

But apparently under OPEC pressure, Muscat never followed up with firm cuts until this week when it aligned its crude with OPEC, cutting its price to \$29 a barrel from \$34.

West urged to buy more from China

WASHINGTON, March 20 (R) — China's lack of foreign currency and the United States decision to continue selling arms to Taiwan are the major obstacles to closer ties between the two countries, a congressional study has said.

The joint economic committee of Congress said the West must be willing to buy more Chinese goods if it expected China to earn enough foreign exchange to buy Western products.

The report said Peking would need more favorable financing terms for imports, including U.S. government-subsidized loans, if U.S. sales of agricultural goods and technology were to grow.

Rabat gets \$19m aid

RABAT, March 20 (R) — The Japanese Overseas Economic Development Fund will lend Morocco 4,692 million yen (\$19.5 million) to buy 12 electric locomotives for Moroccan National Railways, the Moroccan news agency MAP has reported.

The loan is for 30 years with a 10-year grace period at a low rate of interest, the agency said.

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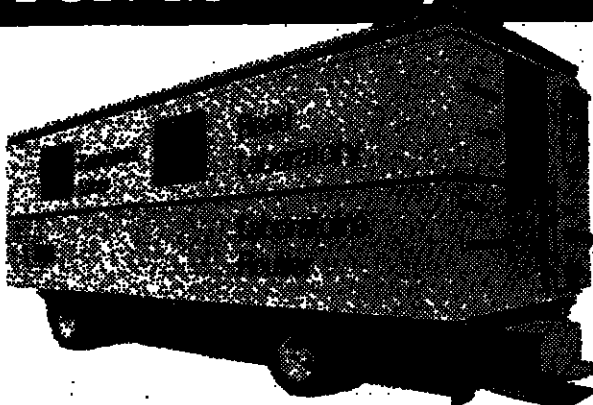
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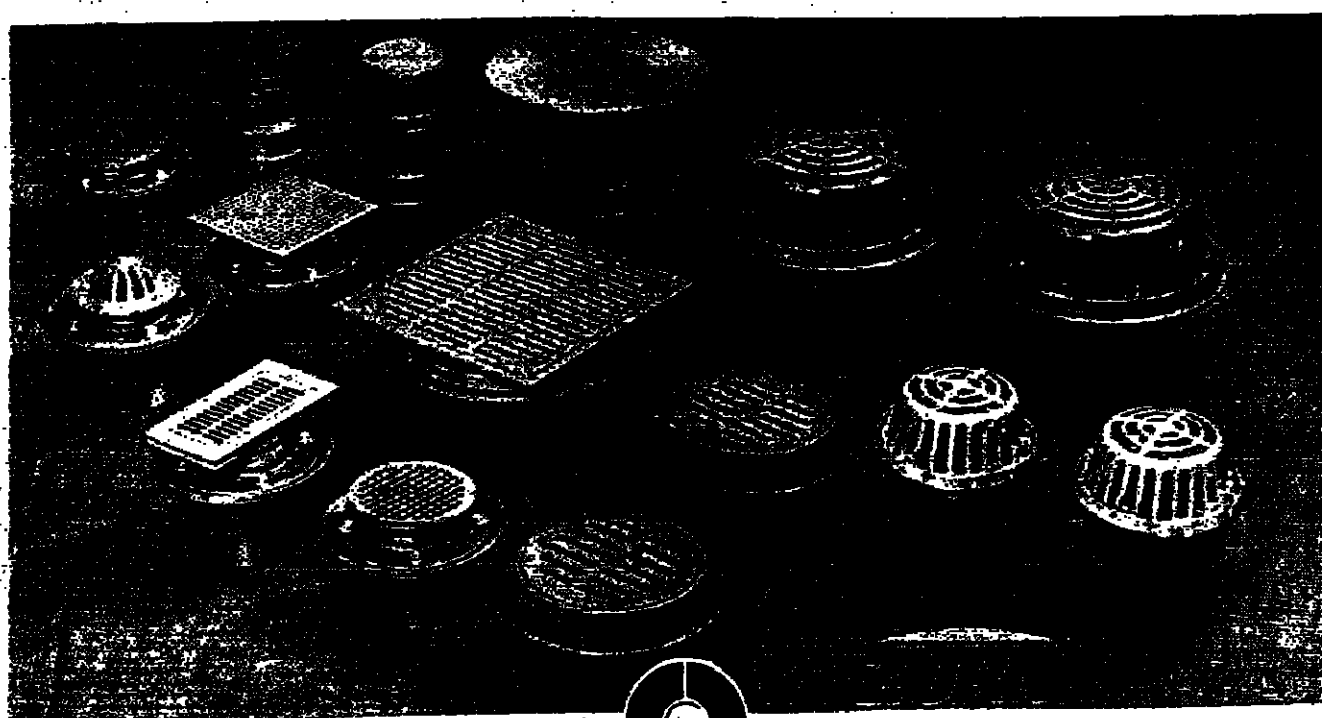
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Bid to check consumer prices

Mexican officials raid shops

MEXICO CITY, March 20 (AP) — Government consumer-protection squads are swooping into stores and shops throughout Mexico, making raids on businesses suspected of selling basic goods for more than federally fixed prices.

The squads strike without warning and show no mercy. They are part of a campaign to bring down inflation from its 1982 level of 100 percent and help rescue the country from its worst financial crisis in 50 years. In the first 10 weeks of the price vigilance drive, which started Jan. 1, commerce department squads closed 1,700 establishments for periods of five to 30 days and levied fines totaling \$540,000. The government says that if there are repeat violations, it will shut offending stores for good and even send their owners to jail.

"This program has been a resounding success, and it will continue," said Roberto De La Pena, a commerce department spokesman, in an interview. "Our inspectors are constantly patrolling the streets making spot checks, and we get dozens of complaints every day from the public, which we immediately look into," he added. The official declined to say how many investigators are taking part.

When the consumer-protection squads find an "exploiter," to use the government's term, inspectors lock the door and paste big signs saying "clausurado," Spanish for

"closed down," over the shopwindows. The raids are publicized in the newspapers. "We want the public to be aware of what we are doing," De La Pena said. "We want everyone to know we will not tolerate people who take illicit advantage of Mexico's financial crisis."

The most frequent offenders have been bakeries, tortilla shops and neighborhood grocery stores, the government says. But federal inspectors also have found gas stations pumps rigged to give out less gasoline than the amount registered, thereby jacking up the price.

Some businessmen say the price controls are unrealistic and unworkable and will squeeze their already meager profits. The government maintains the price ceilings function, because of massive federal subsidies to keep basic necessities within the reach of poor Mexicans. Two-thirds of workers in this nation of 72 million people make less than the minimum wage of about \$3 a day. Authorities plan this year to spend \$675 million just to maintain controlled low retail prices for bread, tortillas, eggs and milk.

"With people going hungry, we will never get out of this crisis," Commerce Secretary Hector Hernandez said at a news conference. "But on the other hand, we don't want gov-

ernment policy to cause a division in our society."

The most serious and potentially explosive area of conflict over Mexico's price controls is the tortilla industry, which makes the thin, round cornmeal bread that is the daily basic food for legions of the nation's most humble citizens.

The president of the tortilla makers chamber, Carlos Gonzalez, has warned that if the official price — just 3 U.S. cents a pound (.45 kg) — does not go up, tortilla shops will go broke, and 100,000 workers in them will lose their jobs. That would be a serious blow in a nation where unemployment and underemployment already are running at an estimated 40 percent.

The government so far has held firm, announcing repeatedly and emphatically it will not raise the price. In February, Mexico City's cornmeal grinders and 16,000 tortilla shops shut down for two days in protest. Millions of low-paid Mexicans either went without their most essential food or else were forced to spend precious pesos on more expensive bread and rolls. The commerce department threatened unspecified tough action against them, and the tortilla makers backed down and reopened.

Payment plan for non-production getting popular among U.S. farmers

CHICAGO, March 20 (R) — Large numbers of American farmers, facing a drop in income after two years of record grain harvests, are accepting the government's offer to pay them for not producing this year. In Illinois alone, one expert predicted that the area given over to corn (maize) may be cut by as much as 25 percent if large numbers of farmers, suffering a drop in income because of lower grain prices, take up the offer.

The "payment in kind" program allows farmers to be reimbursed in government-held surplus crops for fields taken out of production. If the reduced production stimulates higher prices, the surplus crops which the farmers receive will ultimately be worth more money. The program has already had its impact on the Chicago grains futures markets. Analysts estimate that an upward trend in corn futures prices reflects a belief that this year's corn harvest will come from six million fewer hectares.

Some traders believe the area of land lying idle could be as high as eight million hectares. Last year, 30 million hectares of corn were harvested.

Grain traders and farming experts say the impact of the program on this year's harvest will not be known until after the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) releases the numbers of those who have signed up for it, expected later this month. No hard information has been available on the extent of participation in the

payment program during the signing-up period because the government wanted farmers to make up their minds based on their own situations — not on what their neighbors were doing.

Conrad Leslie, a leading private crop forecaster, said this week's congressional approval of, and President Reagan's plan to sign, tax legislation affecting the program prompted an eleventh-hour rush. Under the legislation, grains paid to farmers will be taxed only when the farmers eventually sell them.

The National Grain and Feed Association said its studies show the greatest amount of participation in the program will be in the prime grain-producing central plains and corn belt states. Randal Gordon, information director for the association, said private figures point to a higher participation in the program than in February when it was estimated farmers intended to plant 28 million hectares of corn and 32.3 million hectares of wheat.

Thomas Hieronymus, an extension agronomist at the University of Illinois, said it is possible there will be a 25 percent reduction in corn plantings in the state.

Airlines offer Far East trips

JEDDAH, March 20 — Philippine Airlines, in conjunction with China Express, Japan and Orient and UNIWORLD, is offering an array of tour programs to the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Bali, Borneo, Burma, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, the People's Republic of China and Tibet.

China Express has five tours from 15 to 23 days. A 17-day plan includes Manila, with its old Spanish-style architecture; Singapore, one of the smallest nations in the world; Bangkok, a city of temples and palaces, and Hong Kong, famous for its shopping bargains.

As part of their "silver anniversary" celebration, Japan & Orient has introduced a new 16-day program with several destinations previously inaccessible to those with limited vacation time. In addition to Manila, Hong Kong and Bangkok, travelers can now visit the Taj Mahal in India and the city of Kathmandu in Nepal.

UNIWORLD offers, among others, a 25-day itinerary that includes several days in Manila, Sri Lanka, India, Nepal, Bangkok and Hong Kong.

Philippine Airlines also has its own Orient tour series, "Discover the Philippines", with lasting 8 to 11 days.

Ecuador devalues sucre by 21 percent

QUITO, March 20 (R) — Ecuador's government devalued the sucre by 21 percent against all major currencies Saturday and announced a package of other measures to help the country overcome its economic crisis.

The government said the package formed part of an economic stabilization program which the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and foreign commercial banks have set as a condition for debt refinancing. But the country's three major unions grouped in the United Workers Front (FUT) immediately called a 48-hour strike beginning Wednesday to protest at the measures, which include a sharp increase in milk and fuel prices.

The official rate for the sucre was set at 42 to the dollar from 33 previously. The government also said that beginning on March 23, it was introducing a sliding devaluation of the currency under which it would be marked down by four Ecuadorian cents a day. The price of milk was raised by 40 percent and of fuel oils by an initial 15 to 20 percent as the first in a series of increases which will double the domestic cost of heating and other fuels inside a year.

Financial Review

Riyal firm in dull trading

By J. H. Hammond

JEDDAH, March 20 — With the European bourses closed on Sunday, the domestic markets had a quiet and dull trading day but riyal deposit rates tended to close on a higher note taking short-term deposits up by ½ percent over comparable rates a week ago.

In general, dealers are noticing little trading activity in the longer dated funds and transactions have occurred in the short dates. The Bahrain-based OBU's — offshore banking units — were moderately active Sunday but again trading was either in the short dates or the OBU's were merely quoting for information purposes only.

Over the past week however, riyal deposit rates have tended to firm in line with a stronger Eurodollar deposit base. With most

attention focused on the European Monetary System realignment talks over the weekend, local dealers felt it prudent to keep a cautious trading profile until the Monday European markets have shown the outcome of the deliberations on the future of the French franc and the German mark especially.

The domestic exchange markets were also active during the weekend with spot riyal/dollar rates averaging over 3.4408 levels from 3.4398-02 opening levels. On the deposit markets, the week fixed deposit closed at 7 ¼ percent but the one month rate was more fixed at 7 ¼-8 ¼ percent levels. This compares to 7-7 ½ percent the previous week. Longer dated funds were also up at 8-8 ¼ percent for the one-year deposit. On the whole, the financial turbulence in Europe has not spilled into the domestic markets.

Austerity package pays

Sudan economy looks up

KHARTOUM, March 20 (AFP) — Sudan, a country which appeared on the edge of bankruptcy only a few months ago, has recovered in the past few weeks enough to give it a second wind for 1983.

Oil supplies were so short that many Sudan Airways flights were canceled and motorists had to queue for hours for 12 liters of petrol, which had just been increased in price by 150 percent. Thousands of schoolchildren were on forced holidays as school bus services were suspended.

But today, the atmosphere had completely changed here. For the first time in years, petrol, while not abundant, was available and queues had virtually disappeared. Schools and colleges were also functioning normally. Exceptionally mild weather reduced the demand for energy, limiting the usual power cuts, and all in all Sudan seems to be reaping the first fruits of an extremely rigorous austerity virtually forced on it by the International Monetary Fund — and continuing efforts to get its economy moving again.

For its willingness to remove subsidies on most basic necessities, accept a "realistic" exchange rate for the pound, change its agricultural policy and cut public expenditure, the Khartoum government has obtained "particularly generous conditions" from its main creditors, in the words of one Western expert.

Meanwhile, the recent arrival at port Sudan of a number of oil tankers will keep the country going for several months. Official confirmation is lacking, but these deliveries seem to be the pay-off for Sudan's military assistance to Iraq.

Furthermore, the latest cotton harvest is between 20 to 25 percent higher than the previous crop, thanks partly to a policy of encouraging small farmers.

Meanwhile, the central Sudanese authorities have detained the chairman of the Southern Sudan Regional Assembly, Dhol Achawil, and the vice chairman of the Southern Executive Council, Mathew Aba, according to reliable sources here.

They said the arrests were linked to the detained men's opposition to administrative reorganization of the southern region. Travelers arriving in Khartoum from the southern capital some 1,000 kms away, spoke of other arrests, including those of several lawyers.

Somalia outlaws qat

MOGADISHU, March 20 (R) — The government of Somalia has decided to outlaw qat, a mild narcotic leaf chewed by thousands of people in the Horn of Africa.

A decree by President Muhammad Siad Barre issued Saturday said the growing, selling and import of the drug was now banned and the law would be enforced with jail terms and heavy fines. President Barre said qat had a destructive effect on family life and blamed many divorces on quarrels caused by husbands squandering their earnings on the drug.

Qat is a shrub-like plant which contains a weak alkaloid that imparts to its chewer a mild feeling of euphoria comparable to that induced by amphetamines.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 p.m. Saturday

	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.25	9.14
Bangladesh Taka	14.21	14.11
Belgian Franc (1,000)	74.00	73.82
Canadian Dollar		2.83
Deutsche Mark (100)	145.00	144.70
Dutch Guilder (100)	131.00	130.51
Egyptian Pound	3.11	3.19
East German Mark (100)	93.25	94.60
French Franc (100)	50.00	49.80
Greek Drachma (1,000)	38.00	41.30
Indian Rupee (100)		34.58
Iranian Rial (100)		
Iraqi Dinar	5.80	
Italian Lira (10,000)	24.40	24.10
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.30	14.46
Jordanian Dinar	9.72	9.65
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.85	11.79
Lebanese Lira (100)	83.00	82.70
Malaysian Ringgit (100)	53.10	54.28
Pakistani Rupee (100)	28.10	26.80
Philippine Peso (100)		36.35
Portuguese Escudo (100)	5.20	5.14
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.25	94.60
Singapore Dollar (100)		165.13
Spanish Peseta (1,000)		26.10
Swiss Franc (100)	168.50	167.50
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Interior Ministry, Department of Jails	Renovations & electrical works at the Reformatory in Makkah	18/M/N	500	Apr. 9
" " "	Carry out roof insulation for the jails of Abha, Khamis Mushait & Dhahran Al-Janoub	19/M/N	200	Apr. 10
" " "	Construction of an internal fence, room, sun-shade etc. for Tabuk's jail	20/M/N	500	Apr. 11
" " "	Construction of 6 halls & 5 bath-rooms for Makkah's jail	21/M/N	500	Apr. 12

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1. SHIPS DISCHARGING:

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
3.	Trans Commerce	Star	Tiles/Steel	19.3.83
5.	Bagh-e-Karachi	Star	Barley	7.3.83
7.	Danah	Kanoo	Contry/Gen.	18.3.83
8.	Khartoum	A.E.T.	Durra	17.3.83
9.	Angesatlantic	Altawil	Pipe/M. Powder	17.3.83
11.	Aegean Sky	Attar	Timber/Gen.	19.3.83
12.	Nagan Mercury	Gulf	Steel Bars	19.3.83
17.	Ikarion Reefer	O.C.E.	Reefer	19.3.83
18.	Zeus - 1	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	17.3.83
20.	Saudi Al Taif	MESA	Tiles/General	15.3.83
22.	Bora Universal	Star	Fruit	19.3.83
23.	Antares	Gulf	Timber/Cement	17.3.83
26.	Kota Jati	O.C.E.	Bagged Food/Gen.	17.3.83
27.	Hijaz	Kanoo	Gen./Flour	17.3.83
28.	Good Pioneer	A.E.T.	Gen./Containers	15.3.83
32.	Calypso 'N'	Alatas	Steel/Veh.	17.3.83
33.	Alka	I.A.C.C.	Tiles/Gen.	9.3.83
34.	Ibn Majid	Kanoo	Containers	10.3.83
41.	Shereen	Highspeed	Tiles/Timber	3.3.83
43.	Asia Oho	S.F.T.C.	Steel/Conr	9.3.83
42.	European Venture	A.E.T.	Vehicles	19.3.83
Ro-Ro	Susan 'A'	Kanoo	Containers	17.3.83
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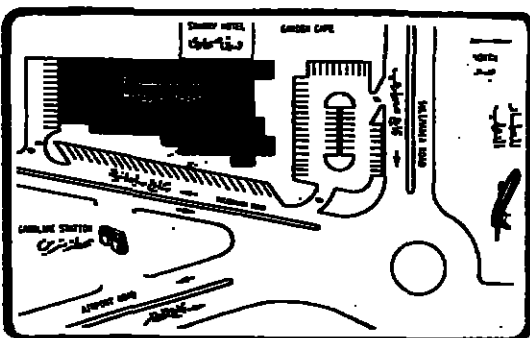
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4.	Tabuk	Kanoo	Gen Cargo	12.3.83
5.	Menina Alice	AET	S/Pipe	19.3.83
12.	Sideris	UEP	Steel	7.3.83
13.	Ersus	Kanoo	Gen Cargo	5.3.83
14.	Maritime Pride	Algoasibi	Mobile Home	9.3.83
16.	Saudi Abha	Algoasibi	Containers	12.3.83
17.	New Dove	Barber	General	11.3.83
18.	Gangotri	Orri	General	13.3.83
20.	Dravar	Kanoo	General	12.3.83
23.	Werra Express	Alireza	General	6.3.83
27.	Ocean	Salte	Bag Flour	3.3.83
29.	Maldiva Nelbour	Orri	Timber/Gen.	3.3.83
34.	Xin Yang	Orri	General	1.3.83
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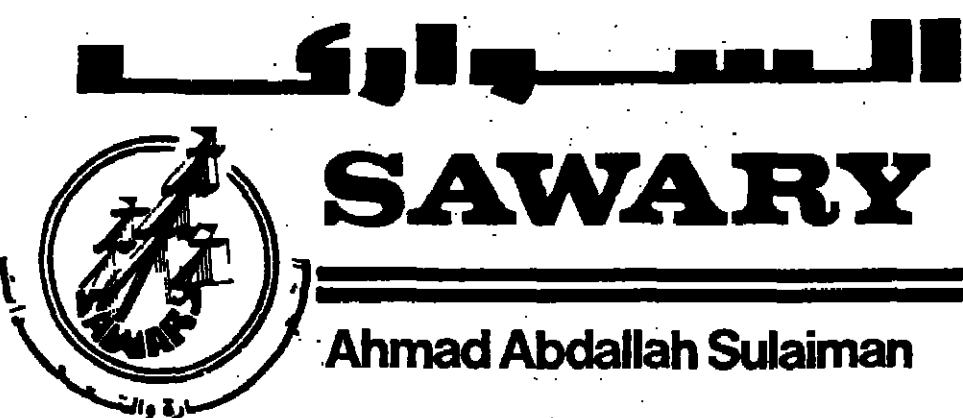
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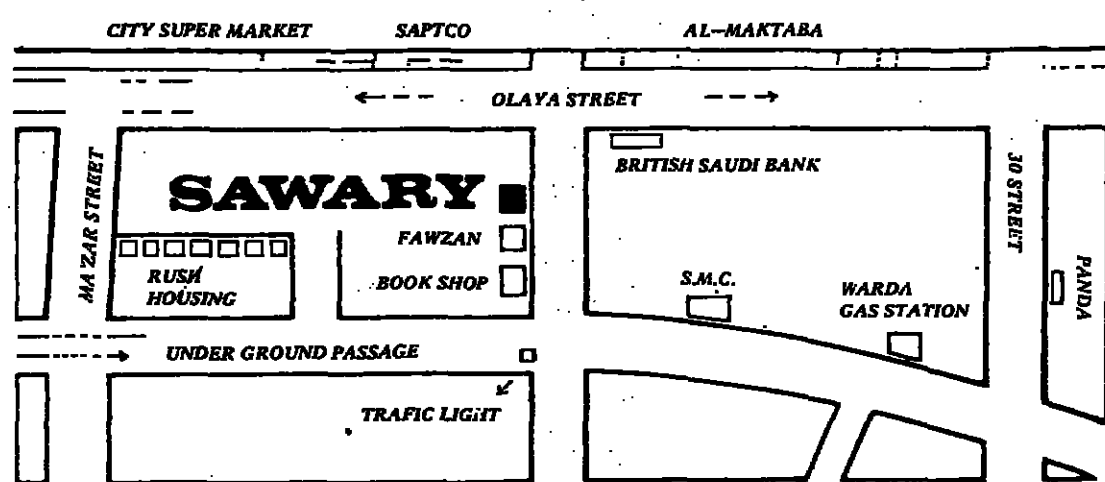


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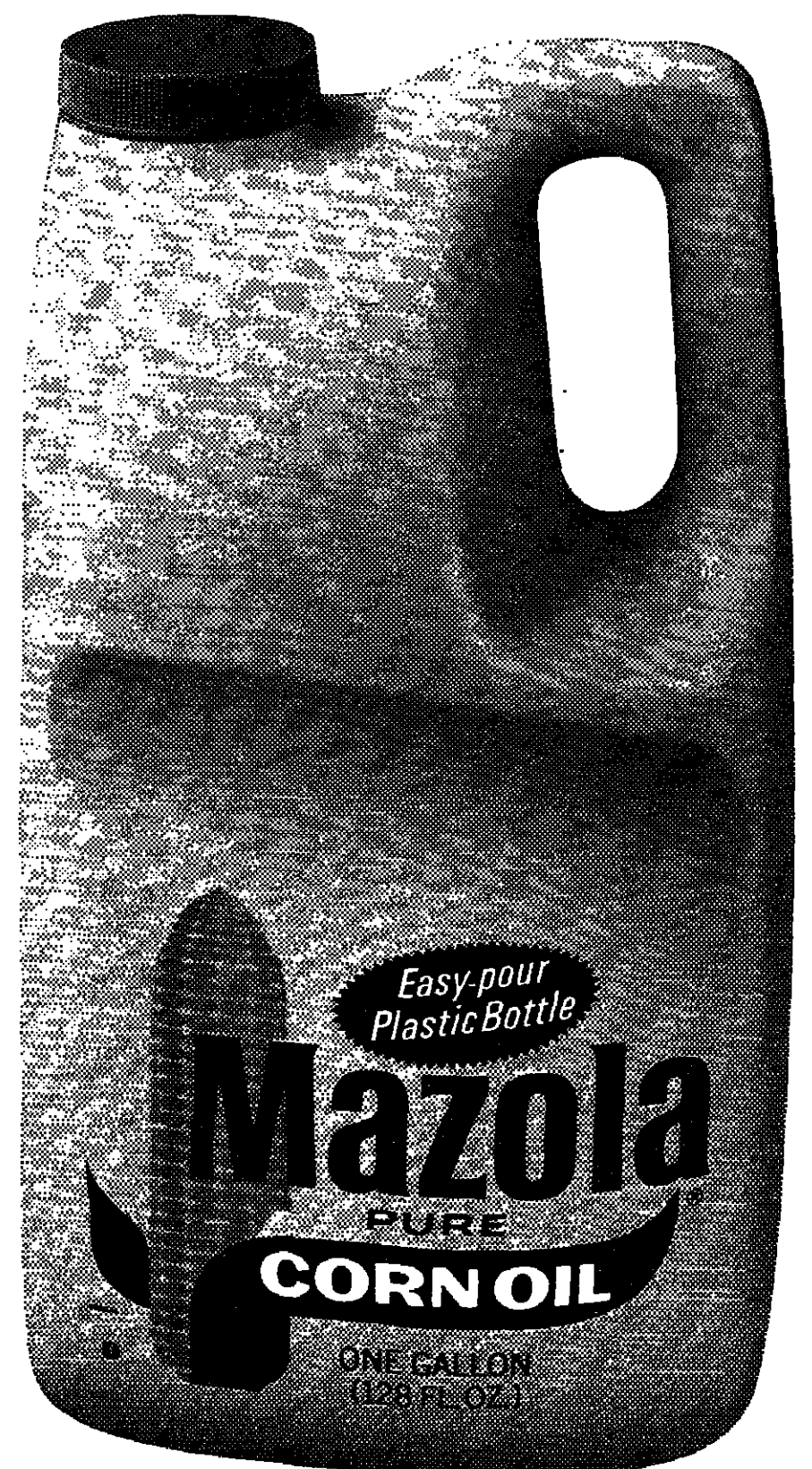
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Roads poorly maintained

Asia's highway death toll takes fast track

By Paul Iannina
and Feliciano H. Magno

MANILA (Depthnews) — Asia is no longer the postcard scene of rippling rice fields and peasants walking on uneven, broken ground. The former pedestrians now whiz by in all manner of automotive vehicles, in the process pushing the road accident rate into a fast upward spiral.

Asians now weave in and out, speeding here and skidding there, on top of scooters in Malaysia and bicycles in Peking, inside a tricycle or jeepney in the Philippines or a toktok in Bangkok, speeding away in Japan and caught in a Singapore rush hour traffic jam.

The Filipino jeepney or taxicab driver is becoming almost legendary in mindless derring in speeding through Metro Manila's traffic maze, belligerently competing for every available street space with bus drivers and those of private vehicles.

A ride in Manila's famous jeepney is a tourist treat, the vehicle's colorful and psychedelic designs supplement what is called a "thrilling ride," if one is adequately insured for both life and limb. Not surprisingly, the Philippine Health Ministry has come up with a report which describes the jeepney as "a dangerous form of public transport because of a very high accident rate." Even so, the contraption ranks only after private cars and taxis according to frequency of accidents.

In 1981, road traffic accidents ranked seventh as the cause of death in the Philippines. In 1977, the amount of insurance paid for death, personal injury and property damage due to road accidents was estimated at 4 percent of what the government spent on highway construction in that year.

Peking's 3.7 million bicycles and over 216,000 motor vehicles have caused a three-fold increase in road accidents since 1965. The accidents usually exact about 400-500 lives each year. In the urban part of Fiji, over 90 percent of cases of child pedestrian accidents occur while children try to cross the street. Children make up about half of fatalities.

"There has been an alarming increase in road traffic accidents in many countries of the (Western Pacific)," says World Health Organization's regional director Dr. Hiroshi Nakajima. "Such accidents are no longer the monopoly of developed countries (and) continue to be one of the leading causes of mortality among the younger age groups."

In a seminar held mid-February on the prevention of road accidents, Dr. Nakajima noted that "traffic safety laws and education have, by and large, been inadequate and failed to keep pace with the sharp increase in the number of vehicles on the roads."

Worldwide, about 10 million people are injured in road accidents each year, about a quarter of a million succumbing to injuries. In some countries, half or more of the deaths of young males (15-24 years old) is due to road accidents. The highest road accident deaths are in Papua New Guinea with 175.5 persons killed per 10,000 vehicles and the lowest in Japan where the number of persons killed per 10,000 vehicles are 2.24. Singapore is at a modest 6.92, the lowest in the ASEAN region.

"Injuries are with us in epidemic proportions," says Dr. Neville Parker, WHO adviser. "In one developing country in this region, for example, injuries rank second only to pneumonia in the list of admissions to hospitals and at least half the surgeons' workload involves the management of trauma."

In Japan, for instance, the increase of traffic accident victims in the 1960's saw emergency hospitals and clinics designated to accept trauma patients at any time of the day. While deaths by traffic accidents declined in 1980 by about half of that in 1970 (in spite of more vehicles), night and holiday emergency clinics take primary care of emergency patients. Still, Japan spent about 2.4 percent of its national budget for road traffic safety in 1982.

Of all the many factors involved in accidents, the human factor is understandably the most difficult to predict and control. The two most pressing problems in the human factor being the effect of alcohol and drugs and the influence of psychological and social causes. Temporary emotional disturbance, "accident proneness," anti-social personality disorder, and even cultural factors also affect driving and accident patterns.

Drinking and driving, for instance, is a major cause of traffic accidents in cultures where it is a new phenomenon and has no tradition to cope with it. Competitiveness, impatience, attitude to time, risk-taking behavior, absence of tolerance, proneness to social stress — all affect accident patterns in varying degrees.

In a study in New South Wales (the most populous Australian state with 5 million people), alcohol was found to be an important human factor in fatal crashes, most likely to be found in drivers aged 25 to 29. It also became clear in the study that single causes are rare, crashing usually coming after a chain of events, from worrying about business or the family to distraction by other events.



BUSY: Traffic police, rickshaws and trams set the scene for a busy day in the Indian city of Calcutta against the background of the Hooghly River bridge.

Speed was a factor but generally excessive for road conditions rather than in relation to speed limits (in one case, a speed of 10 kilometers per hour contributed to an accident). Falling asleep at the wheel is an important factor.

Generally, the Australian study found that the quality of driving is related to what motivates a driver to take or not take risks. What the law prescribes to be correct behavior and penalties imposed have little influence on drivers who are more interested in the pleasures gained from driving itself. These can include the thrill of speeding and weaving in and out of traffic, showing driving skills, and reaching a destination quickly.

In the Philippines, the common traffic violations tend to be human. According to frequency, these include failure to yield the right of way to other vehicles, following the next vehicle too closely, driving on the wrong side of the road, failure either to give proper signals or to yield right of way to pedestrians.

For sure, environmental factors also play an important role. In the Philippines, road accidents are higher on cemented than on rough roads, more during dawn than dusk, more during bright sunlight than during darkness or cloudy skies.

In Fiji, the winding dirt roads of the past when driving slowly was the rule are being straightened, widened, tar-sealed and upgraded to highway standards. Not surprisingly, an average of 66 road-related deaths occur each year.

As a Ministry of Health and Social Welfare report notes, the continued urban drift of Fiji's rural population, the changing social attitudes and habits toward alcohol, the uncontrolled and ever increasing number of vehicles on the roads, and with present inadequate control measures — all have contributed an unfavorable trend in road traffic accidents.

The wearing of seat belts is considered to be the single most important factor in reducing deaths and injuries. So does the wearing of crash helmets in reducing deaths and severe head injuries. Other improvements in vehicle design and highway engineering may also help, together with transporting the injured in a safe and speedy manner.

"There is a strong temptation to increase and further develop emergency services to cope with the rising number of patients injured in road accidents," notes Dr. Parker. "An alternative approach is to find ways of reducing the numbers requiring surgical and medical care, the long-term solution (lying) in prevention." He says prevention can be made by identifying the multiple and interacting causes, medicine's main role being to study human factors which influence accident risks and determining how these factors can be excluded or modified.

Complicating the whole problem is the poor state of road maintenance in most of Asia's developing nations. A paper issued by Bangkok-based ESCAP — Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific notes that while highway maintenance is a worldwide problem, it appears more pronounced in Asia's developing countries because of:

— Failure of most governments to realize the tremendous economic benefits that can be obtained from efficiently maintained road networks.

— Pendency of decision-makers in the public transportation sector for the construction of more new roads instead of seeing to the proper maintenance of existing ones.

— Shortage of engineers and other qualified personnel necessary to ensure efficient road maintenance.

The paper reports that majority of the broken down roads are in the rural areas where socio-economic upliftment of residents partly depends on the existence of adequate farm-to-market roads.

Some of the highway chains servicing the rural areas were constructed in the early 1970's and their lifespans ended too quickly due to poor maintenance, ESCAP adds.

Abundant evidence is cited by the Commission to back up its findings that substantial economic savings can be effected by governments through adequate maintenance of existing road networks. ESCAP refers to a World Bank study which showed that investments on the maintenance component of road construction can provide economic returns as high as 100 percent.

The Commission also says that intensive analysis and data collection over the past 10 years suggest that efficient maintenance prolongs life of road systems. National economic development plans are blamed by the paper for the policymakers' tendency to neglect for construction of new roads while neglecting proper maintenance of existing ones.

ESCAP observes that in majority of such plans, the emphasis is on road construction as a top feature of infrastructure development with maintenance not given equal stress. Another factor is failure of most governments to allocate sufficient funds for road maintenance. When funds are finally made available, it is usually too late since the roads no longer require maintenance but rebuilding.

The few road or civil engineers in government employ are found by the paper as contributors to the problem. They find maintenance work "boring" and often prefer construction work. However, the paper says this part of the problem can be solved through the setting up of efficient maintenance teams.

The paper describes highway maintenance as "made up of several different small-scale engineering operations which are repeated at varying intervals, depending on climate, terrain, traffic and the design standards of the roads."

One is routine or recurrent maintenance. It is normally done daily or repeatedly in a year and consists of vegetation control, cleaning of ditches and culverts, shoulder repairs, grading of unpaved surfaces, filling of potholes, patching of cracks and emergency operations.

Another is periodic maintenance, usually repeated only every five to 10 years. The routine pertains to regaveling for gravel roads, bituminous surface dressings or seals for paved roads or bituminous overlay to add more thickness to the existing pavement.

A third maintenance chore listed by the study as vital is keeping equipment and other facilities in good order and not candidates for the junk pile. Road construction and maintenance should be seen as interacting activities, according to the paper. It explains that "the more of one that is done on any given road, the less is needed of the other."

It notes that an "overdesigned" road will probably show a cost-saving on maintenance but the cost of the initial investment will be too high. In the case of a low-standard road, the reverse obtains since the maintenance cost will be steep.

Such a situation should prompt the decision-makers to make the proper choice guided by economic studies and the advantages associated with the different possible approaches to efficient maintenance, the paper suggests.

Proper road maintenance attains three objectives, all of them returning economic benefits. The paper lists them as:

— Prolongs life of roads and postpones the day when renewal will be required.

— Lowers costs of operating vehicles on such roads.

— Keeps the roads open even during times of landslide removal and washout repairs thus enabling greater regularity, punctuality and safety of road transport services.

The paper says the first objective enables governments to save on highway construction and maintenance, the second benefits both the public and private transportation sectors and the third is to the advantage of residents of the areas served by the roads.

Prospects of early cancer detection

LONDON (LPS) — Cancer may soon be detected even before cells begin to appear abnormal. It is hoped a new technique of using a dye to spot potentially malignant cells will enable doctors to treat patients before cervical and other cancers get a hold on them.

Dr. Andrew Sincock and Jeff Middleton, cell biologists at London's Queen Elizabeth Hospital, claim they can now identify potential cancer-causing cells months before experts can see structural abnormalities in the cells. This opens up the possibility of early detection and easier cure.

The potentially cancerous cells are identified by the vulnerability of their fundamental genetic material — known as DNA — to attack by dilute acid. When the DNA is exposed to acid it takes in a number of aldehyde groups which are stained purple.

This is a well-known procedure but the London researchers have found that the nucleus of a pre-malignant cell takes up two or three times more dye than a normal cell. The secret of their success has been to find a way of quantifying just how much stain has been taken up. Abnormal staining has been measured by an integrating microdensitometer, which is a cross between a microscope and a spectrophotometer. This is linked to a microcomputer.

A narrow beam of light is passed down a microscope focused on a stained nucleus. Two oscillating mirrors cause the beam to scan the nucleus with the result that the optical density of the nucleus is measured and recorded by the computer. The computer can then produce a readout of the number of nuclei that are abnormally stained. This semi-automated test means that a large number of samples can be quickly analyzed. It could therefore form the basis of an economical screening program for various types of cancer.



New hopes for the deaf

BONN — A long-distance typewriter or teleprinter has been invented by the Deaf Technic in Munster, West Germany, providing a further opportunity for the handicapped to take part in normal life (See picture above). It enables the deaf to exchange news just as quickly as the hearing. It is essential, of course, for an exchange of information that both partners are provided with the "writing telephone". The connection takes place when the receiver of a normal telephone is connected to the machine and the special number of the partner is rung. Then the information is typed on a keyboard, and comes out at the other end as a tape. Furthermore, sounds at a particular pitch can be recognized by the electronic machine and printed out as corresponding letters. So during telephoning quiet is necessary, because outside noises like a banging door will be wrongly interpreted by the machine. The deaf person can tell when he is being called, even when asleep, by means of a light bell flashing.

Simultaneously scientists at the Essex University in Britain are working on an inexpensive system for transmitting simple moving pictures over conventional telephone lines enabling the deaf persons to use the telephone.

If the team of researchers from the university's department of electrical engineering science succeeds it will allow the deaf to communicate with each other over the telephone by using sign language or finger spelling. Such a system may also have further potential in providing low-cost visual teleconferencing facilities.

The university already has two visual communications systems working at the Royal National Institute for the Deaf in London and at the Suffolk Mission for the Deaf and Dumb in Ipswich. These experimental systems, however, use full resolution television pictures which have to be transmitted over specially laid broadband cables. Their use is therefore restricted to within a building or over short distances between buildings.

The researchers are now exploring ways of producing low-definition moving images capable of being transmitted in digital form over telephone lines. The information content of the pictures will have to be severely reduced to essential features, producing what in effect are moving outlines or "cartoon" pictures.

The team, which includes a research engineer from Japan's Nippon Electric Company (NEC), is investigating whether the quality of these low data rate pictures can be improved sufficiently and be kept moving, to make them suitable for deaf communication or for video-conferencing over the public telephone network.

Dr. Don Pearson, leader of the project, explains: "There has been excellent progress recently on a number of systems to aid communication among the deaf, including Palantype terminals in which an operator turns speech into a form of 'speed writing' which is printed out at the receiving end. There is also teletyping, but this is slow and involves expensive long telephone calls."

"Our work at Essex University is complementary to these developments. We hope to cater for those sections of the deaf community who do not want to communicate through an operator or who find trans-coded Palantype text difficult to read. We want to allow deaf people to use their own very powerful and expressive signs and finger spelling, which have been developed as a substitute for lost hearing."

Dr. Pearson, whose work is supported financially by the British Science and Engineering Research Council, believes the research will lead to a simple unit which deaf people will plug into their telephone when they want to make or receive a call from a fellow sufferer.

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HOW TO TAKE ASPIRIN



Dr. Peter J. Steincrohn
M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: Aspirin has been so much in the news lately. All along, I've considered it a remarkable drug, but the news media make it out a villain. Especially, in possibly causing Reye's syndrome in children. Therefore, should I give up on it when it has been so helpful? I've been taking at least 12 aspirin tablets every day for the past year. Without them, I couldn't eat, sleep or go to work. My doctor says they're all right to take. I'm 52, in the age range for osteoarthritis which I have in my spine and knees. Is there any reason why I can't go on taking aspirin? I'm becoming unduly alarmed?—Mr. H.

Dear Mr. H.: You say you are under doctor's care. He has prescribed aspirin and believes it helps your arthritis. Then don't, unnecessarily, anxious. I consider aspirin a "hero" — not a villain — in spite of all you've been reading about it in the press. Nevertheless, there are some practical aspects to consider while taking it. Resolve to stick to the prescribed doses. Don't increase or decrease without consulting your doctor. When you take aspirin drink a full glass of liquid such as milk or water. This reduces the likelihood of stomach irritation. Don't take more than 15 grains at one time. (Usually, three 5-grain tablets.) Don't take it more often than every four hours.

If you notice ringing in your ears or trouble with your hearing, better reduce the dosage. If this doesn't help, ask your doctor what to do about it. It's likely you've been warned not to take aspirin if you have an ulcer or asthma — or any bleeding disorder. Aspirin tends to delay blood clotting. It's advisable that pregnant women or anyone scheduled for operation avoid aspirin until again allowed by the

doctor. Follow these suggestions, Mr. H., and you'll be less alarmed about taking aspirin.

MEDICALETTERS

(Replies to and from readers):

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: Both my mother and father have been severely depressed due to the loss in an airplane accident of one of my young brothers. The doctor has put them on anti-depressant pills. My father has improved, but my mother is still in deep depression. They've been on the same medication. Why does it work on one while the other is unaffected?—Mrs. A.

Dear Mrs. A.: The reason isn't always evident. But there's a suggestion. Recent studies have shown that some patients who do not respond to anti-depression pills may have a thyroid deficiency. Prescribing small amounts of thyroid extract with the regular medication produces prompt and sustained improvement. Ask your mother's doctor to consider this possibility.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I'm always tired lately. I've been eating poorly. Can this be the reason?—Mrs. K.

Dear Mrs. K.: Fatigue, like pain, is a warning symptom that requires investigation. There may be scores of reasons. One of the commonest is anemia due to poor diet and lack of iron. But the cause may be emotional or due to serious illness. Better check with your doctor if improved diet doesn't help you get rid of fatigue.

(Tomorrow: Breast surgery)

The Fantasticks

A poignant musical with a moral

By Jean Grant
Alkhobar Bureau

ALKHOBAR — *The Fantasticks*, for all its dynamism and wit, is as moral a play as one is likely to find in contemporary musical theater. Chosen by the Al Bustan Theater Group in Alkhobar for its inaugural production, *The Fantasticks* pokes fun at romantic love and celebrates that which grows out of hardship.

One of the greatest success stories of the American musical theater, *The Fantasticks* is minimalist in its sets and scenery, and it stands or falls largely on the audience's sense of participation. The 700 viewers of the 4-night run of the play here received it enthusiastically.

The play centers on a young man and woman, Matt and Luisa, admirably played by Don Terzo and Connie Brandt. Their fathers would love nothing more than a prearranged marriage between the two. Convinced that "to manipulate children you merely say 'no,'" they pretend a feud, build a wall between the neighboring houses, and forbid their children to meet. True to the Western tradition of romantic love which feeds on obstacles, Matt and Luisa fall head over heels for each other. Their fathers ecstatically conclude, "They did it because we said, 'No,'" and a happy ending concludes the act.

The second act opens a year later with the lovers bored stiff with each other. The disillusioned fathers reveal how they manipulated their offspring into marriage. Furious Matt and Luisa quarrel and go their separate ways. In the end, they meet again, sadder, wiser, and disillusioned with life. "Without a hurt, the heart is hollow," says the narrator, and Matt and Luisa set out again to love each other, this time realistically rather than romantically.

The consistent piano playing by Claudia Sewell gives pace and rhythm to the whole production. The cast is generally creditable, with superb comic performances by William Phillips and Stan Gentry as the fathers, Belamy and Hucklebee. One highlight of the evening was their duet, "Plant a radish, get a radish, never any doubt. While with children, you don't know until the seed is nearly grown just what you've sown."

The other crowning moment of the evening was Connie Brandt's tour de force in Luisa's duet with John Pereyo as El Gallo singing "Round and Round." It is at this point that the musical departs from the escapism usually associated with musical theater to examine the nature of evil. Luisa is blind to suffering and despair, even deaf to her husband's cries at the fogging post, as long as she wears a mask with a fatuous smile. The instant it drops, she is accosted by unsettling glimpses of harsh realities. These lead her to grip ever firmly the smiling mask in front of her as she spins ever faster in frenzied twirls. At moments half-hysterical, at others screeching and squawking in Philistine delight, Brandt is both credible and terrifying. She brings to the role of Luisa the skills acquired in a professional career in the theater.

Stage direction of the play was ably undertaken by Melinda Pereyo, who has studied under Lee Strasberg in New York. The three lead players are well supported by the mute (Geoff Costley), and the two broken-down



SINGING: "Plant a cabbage..." sing Belamy (left), played by William Phillips, and Hucklebee (right) played by Stan Gentry.

Shakespearean actors (Tim Turner and Tony King) whose snatches from the English playwright heighten the pathos of this drama which views the ordinary in poetic terms. For Geoff Costley who, as the mute, plays (literally) a brick wall, this is his last appearance here. Off to London to study mime after 4 years of teaching English in the Kingdom, he will be sorely missed in the dramatic circles of the Eastern Province.

U.N. agency's efforts
Safety on the high seas

By Alistair Doyle

LONDON (R) — In the backwaters of international diplomacy, a small United Nations agency this month marks a quarter-century of striving to make the oceans safer and cleaner.

Set up in 1958, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) has produced resolutions to combat piracy, improve crew training, curb oil spills, cut the risk of collisions in busy straits and control carriage of dangerous goods ranging from nuclear waste to boxes of matches.

In May, Queen Elizabeth II is to open new headquarters for the IMO, the only U.N. agency based in Britain and the first devoted solely to maritime affairs.

The IMO was intended to tackle problems of safety on the high seas. But its role has been expanded by increased dangers of marine pollution by ships, especially from oil spills, and a doubling of the number of vessels plying the oceans.

At the end of the 1950s, there was not a single container ship, chemical or gas tanker. Today they total more than 2,000.

The IMO's greatest achievement was a 1974 Safety Convention in force since 1980, covering ship construction, lifeboats, navigation, fire precautions and radio communications, says IMO spokesman Roger Kohn.

Another convention, in 1973, contained the most important anti-pollution measures

ever adopted, according to secretary-general Chandrika Srivastava.

Two major oil spills, from the wrecked tankers Torrey Canyon in 1967 and Amoco Cadiz in 1978, focussed world attention on the danger of marine pollution. But routine tanker operations were a far bigger threat to the oceans than dramatic accidents, Kohn said.

The anti-pollution convention has helped to keep the seas clean by promoting alternatives to the old practice of washing out empty tanker holds with sea water and flushing the oily mixture into the oceans.

The IMO and the oil industry, worried about the value of the cargo spewed overboard, worked out new unloading and cleaning techniques, including siphoning oily residues to shore.

The result has been a sharp cut in pollution. Overall, less oil was spilt in 1980 than in 1971 despite an increase in the amount carried.

"No one would say pollution has been beaten, but we're winning," Kohn said.

IMO work to define which cargoes are dangerous and advice to shippers on how to handle them has helped to cut accidents.

Worried by a spate of vanishing ships and cargoes the IMO's 122 members resolved four years ago to take tougher legislative action against piracy and scuttling.

In navigation, the IMO has promoted traffic schemes to cut the risk of collision in the congested sea lane off Singapore and in the English Channel. But the organization has run aground in the past trying to get member states to implement conventions, and its priority for the 1980s is a drive to get some of the existing ones ratified, rather than tackling new maritime issues.

Soviets help
fight against
street crimes

By David Minthorn

MOSCOW (AP) — Husky young men with red arm bands on their overcoats patrol the streets of Soviet cities, looking for hooligans and loafers.

They are members of the people's volunteer units, or Druzhinki, officially sanctioned keepers of the public order.

"Hundreds of thousands of Druzhinki appear daily on the streets of Soviet cities and towns. The public's struggle to strengthen Socialist legality is highly appreciated," the Communist Party daily *Pravda* said in a recent editorial praising the units.

The vigilantes cooperate with the nation's uniformed police to guard state property, regulate traffic, monitor work brigades and "struggle against parasites, loafers and game poachers," *Pravda* said.

When Communist Party chief Yuri V. Andropov began a crackdown on undisciplined workers in January, the vigilantes were in the raiding parties sent to round up loafers in stores and other public places.

The raids reportedly prompted complaints from the public after vigilantes stopped public buses to carry out spot identity checks of everyone aboard.

Auxiliary police exist in many western countries — there are 7,800 in New York City who wear uniforms but carry no firearms while patrolling to discourage street crime.

Moscow's 500,000 Druzhinki also carry no firearms while helping to monitor a population of 8.3 million.

Auxiliary police totting white billy clubs stand at busy intersections and flag down drivers who commit traffic infractions.

When dissidents go on trial in Moscow courtrooms, the men in red arm bands stand at the doors to prevent Western diplomats and journalists from attending the supposedly public proceedings.

During major celebrations like the May Day parade on Red Square, the Druzhinki are out in force to help Moscow's estimated 50,000 uniformed police with crowd control.

The Soviet vigilantes operate out of offices scattered around the major cities and satellite housing projects which are marked for "volunteer people's units." One is almost directly across Kutuzovskiy Prospekt from the apartment building that was the official Moscow residence of the late President Leonid I. Brezhnev.

In 1972, the government newspaper *Izvestia* reported that there were "nearly seven million" volunteer policemen nationwide. That figure is believed to have increased considerably over the last 10 years, as the national population rose from 246 million to 272 million.

In a country where private citizens are openly encouraged to mind their neighbor's business, and crackdowns on "anti-Soviet" behavior regarded as a virtue, the vigilantes provoke mixed feelings in the public.

Despite the official authority, Moscovites regard vigilantes with a mixture of respect, fear and suspicion. Some are called thugs and are despised for keeping people under surveillance.

The Druzhinki, who range from their early 20s to middle-age, are recruited from Communist League, Communist Party and other state activist groups. "There is no higher duty for the Druzhinki than defending the interests of society and the dignity of citizens," *Pravda* said.



ACTORS: Drew Barrymore and E.T. in a scene from Stephen Spielberg's *E.T.*

E.T. takes U.S. by storm

By Michael J. Bandler

LOS ANGELES — It began as a dream in the mind of a young American movie director who still harbored a refreshing, childlike sense of awe about the unknown. When the dream became reality, or at least tangible realization, it surfaced as *E.T.* — *The Extraterrestrial*, the most warmly embraced and generally acclaimed movie of 1982, and one of the most popular in the history of American films.

Steven Spielberg's *E.T.* — the story of the adventures and misadventures of a frightened extraterrestrial creature stranded on earth — is as difficult to categorize as it is easy to love.

On one hand, it is the definitive children's movie of all time — fantastic, magical, rich in unique special effects, and, above all, focused on a rubbery, expressive, delightful humanoid that easily evokes sympathy and affection in the hearts of youngsters of all ages — those young in years and young in spirit alike.

Fisher's heavyweight role

By Mark Matoszek

NEW YORK (R) — Carrie Fisher, daughter of two showbusiness stars and now commanding high pay as an actress, is starring on Broadway in a heavyweight role she admits is an emotional strain.

She is filling the title role in a new play with co-stars Geraldine Page and Elizabeth Ashley, portraying a nun who has murdered her newborn baby and hidden it in a wastepaper basket.

Miss Fisher, now 26, is best known for her part as Princess Leia in the film *Star Wars*. She is very familiar to cinemagoers.

Yet, sitting on the floor of a friend's opulent Manhattan flat during a recent interview with Reuters, dressed in baggy jeans and an old sweater, she hardly looked like a film star.

With sunglasses atop her head and a stick of gum in her mouth, the daughter of singer Eddie Fisher and Hollywood actress Debbie Reynolds looked more like a university student home for the weekend.

Her mother is starring in *Woman of the Year*

At the same time, the story is appealing to adults — well-paced, intelligent, amazingly credible despite its innately incredible premise: that a diminutive extraterrestrial can confront and befriend human children, and cause them to accept the possibility of such an encounter.

The movie — latest effort by the director of *Jaws*, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* and *Raiders of the Lost Ark* — exemplifies the collaborative art that film is. Special effects, sound and scenic design, music (an evocative score by veteran composer John Williams), acting and direction all have combined to make *E.T.* what it is.

What it is, of course, leads to what it has become — center of attention not only as a movie (well on its way to status as the highest-grossing motion picture of all time), but also as a catalyst for a variety of fads in clothing, games, goods, jokes and a wealth of products.

In every way, *E.T.* is the vogueish object, character, symbol, thematic creation and spirit of America today.

two blocks away and her father is making his first New York appearance in 16 years.

Talking of her new role she said the subject matter and the eight performances a week were taking their toll. "Doing this play is very upsetting, actually more so than I thought it would be. I prefer films only."

"I stopped crying at age two, and had never cried in a part before. Now I go on stage every night and weep."

Growing up in the show-business community of Beverly Hills, Miss Fisher made her acting debut at the age of 13 during one of her mother's summer tours. After high school, she appeared with Warren Beatty in her first film, *Shampoo*, for which *Photoplay* magazine nominated her "Newcomer of the Year."

Declining subsequent film offers, she went to London to study acting at the Central School of Speech and Drama for two years. When she returned to Los Angeles to audition for *Star Wars*, she was happy to have the British training behind her.

Miss Fisher is modest about her acting abilities, and honest about her shortcomings.

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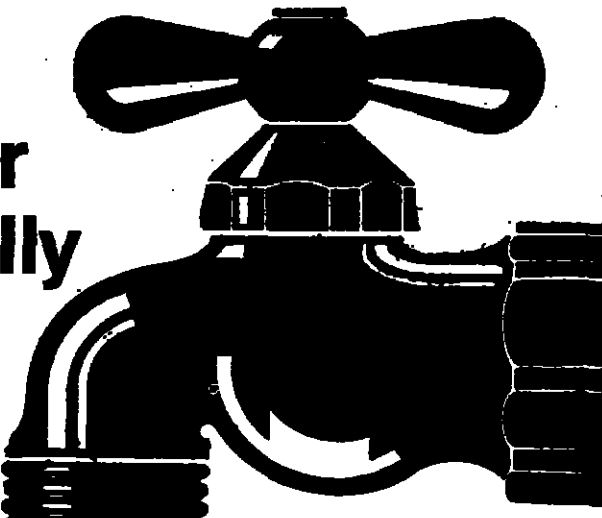
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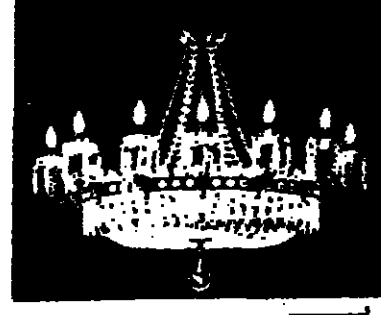
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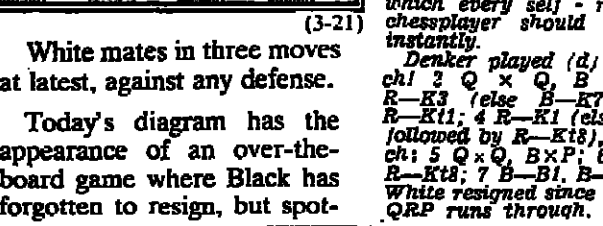
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Rightists exploit anti-immigration sentiment

Racism rises sharply in France

PARIS, March 20 (R) — Immigrant unrest and a heated election campaign have caused a sharp rise in racism in France which has alarmed the Socialist government and Arab diplomats.

Months of highly publicized turmoil in the car industry, involving strikes by Arab and African workers, have focused attention on simmering discontents among the country's 4.3 million foreigners. The result has been a backlash from the political right where extremists, emboldened by public irritation over the unrest, have directly linked it with immigration.

In municipal elections across France this month, the anti-immigrant right won record support by what Finance Minister Jacques Delors called a "shameless exploitation of racism." The neo-Gaullist RPR Party of Paris Mayor Jacques Chirac, effective head of the center-right opposition, allied itself with the extremists in some towns.

In the northern town of Dreux, where a fifth of the 35,000 population is Arab, Socialist Mayor Francois Gaspard said after being re-elected by eight votes that he had witnessed a resurgence of fascism in France. "I felt the violence and the hate race," he said of the antipathy voiced by whites toward North Africans.

A Frenchwoman living in an apartment block inundated by Arab families wrote to a national magazine: "We are accused of being racist... But I feel as if I am an immigrant myself in my own country."

Under a Socialist government, previously docile immigrants have become less timid about voicing their hatred of ghettos and industrial drudgery. Many live in bleak high-rise buildings and 85 percent do unskilled work. Their militancy has collided however with an economic crisis which has squeezed jobs and living standards and strained the political fabric of France.

A growing number of people believe that the immigrant population, which has doubled in 20 years, has become too large. The far right says immigrants should be repatriated while the moderate right and the Communist Party want to halt any further influx.

The government, feeling it has a humanitarian reputation to maintain and desiring not to disturb relations with influential trading neighbors like Algeria, has reacted cautiously. Algeria complained last year that immigration officials were turning back too many of its citizens. It was unimpressed by French contentions that it was exporting unemployment as well as gaining foreign currency in the form of wages sent home by Algerians working in France.

In the heat of the elections, the attitude of some Socialist leaders was ambivalent. Interior Minister Gaston Defferre, threatened with defeat in Marseilles where he has been mayor for 30 years, helped to save himself by promising to stem the inflow of immigrants into the city.

Arab diplomats in France have been correspondingly cool to a proposal by Defferre for international talks on immigration. The Arab League said a conference could be discussed but should not divert attention from the particular problem in France. The Council of Arab Ambassadors in Paris deplored the "xenophobic and racist" tone of the election campaign.

Despite increased racial hostility, violence has been minor and sporadic. With one exception in 1981, France has avoided the rioting and looting suffered by the United States and Britain. The immigrants have come from all over Southern Europe, North Africa, Indochina and France's former black African colonies.

More than half are from Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia who have taken over whole quarters of cities like Lyons, Marseilles and Lille as French families leave. Police say that in big towns with large immigrant communities, up to 80 percent of minor crimes at night are committed by foreign youths.

The nub of the problem is that immigrants are no longer content with menial jobs which

French workers refuse to do. Their militancy has disrupted the Citroen and Renault plants in recent months. Strikes in support of better pay and promotion have cost the companies thousands of cars. "We used to be the sheep, now we are the shepherds," an immigrant leader said.

Many North African car workers have joined the Communist-led CGT trade union federation but the extent of its control over them has been questioned in the industry. The Islamic solidarity of the immigrants is however strong. Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy and Labor Minister Pierre Auroux angered pro-immigrant groups by accusing religious and political groups of manipulating North African workers.

Nkomo condemns killing of 4 Zimbabwe whites

LONDON, March 20 (AP) — Zimbabwe opposition leader Joshua Nkomo, who recently fled his homeland, Sunday condemned the killings of an elderly white couple and their two granddaughters in his Matabeleland stronghold and demanded that their murderers be brought to justice.

"This is horrible," Nkomo said. "I abhor all these things whoever commits them. I condemn them unreservedly. I condemn whoever they are."

Nkomo fled Zimbabwe via its southern neighbor, Botswana, claiming Prime Minister Robert Mugabe was trying to have him killed. He arrived in Britain a week ago and spoke to the Associated Press from a hotel near Heathrow where he is staying.

The leader of the opposition Zimbabwe African People's Union denounced a claim by Zimbabwe's Information Director Justin Nyoka that six armed dissidents loyal to him had shot dead Eric Stratford, 66, his wife, Christine, 62, and their 12-year-old and 15-year-old granddaughters.

"This is an irresponsible statement and is stupid and it doesn't assist us to eradicate the venom that is scouring our country," Nkomo said.

"I have no supporters who do these things. Anyone who does these things could not be a supporter of ZAPU and whoever makes the statement knows that," he said. "I think the best thing for those in authority is to apprehend these people, take them to court so that the country and the world may know who they are," Nkomo said.

Nkomo noted that the murders took place in central Matabeleland, which he said "is saturated with troops, the national army, the Fifth Brigade, the police and everybody."

"One would expect that by now they would have been apprehended, unless, of course, if the pursuers are the pursued and they cannot catch themselves," he said.

"If they, the pursuers are not the pursued, then we would like to see these people caught and punished and exposed to the country," he said.

Asked whether he was suggesting that the murders might have been committed by government troops or police, Nkomo replied: "I'm not suggesting anything. I am saying

that one would expect these people are caught by now."

Dissidents have been blamed for a wave of terror in Matabeleland, stronghold of Nkomo's minority Ndebele tribe, since they deserted from the national army in anger over Nkomo's dismissal from the coalition government for allegedly plotting a coup against Mugabe 13 months ago.

The mounting lawlessness compelled Mugabe to deploy the North Korean-trained Fifth Brigade, whose troops are from the dominant Shona tribe, to hunt down the dissidents.

But since the brigade's arrival in mid-January, church leaders, relief agencies and human rights groups have blamed government troops for massacres, looting, raping and torture among Matabeleland villagers.

The execution-style killings of the Stratfords and their grandchildren came three days after dissidents kidnapped a white farmer near Bulawayo.

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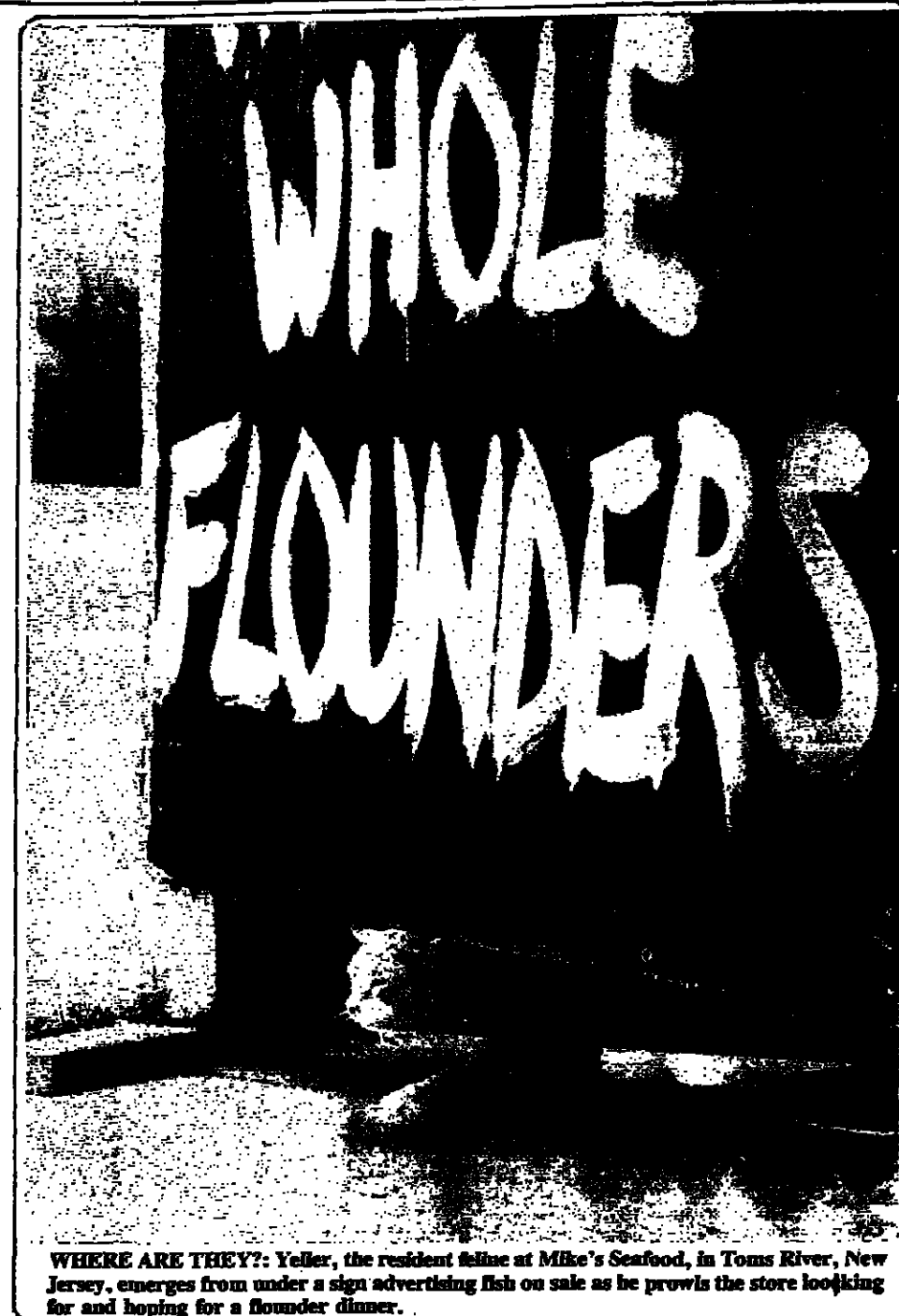
Spain defers referendum

MADRID, March 20 (AFP) — The date of a referendum on whether Spain should join the Atlantic alliance rests entirely on the outcome of the U.S.-Soviet Euromissile talks in Geneva, according to the Socialist government's Foreign Minister Fernando Moran.

Stressing that Spain is a Western nation, he said the referendum on NATO membership would take place during the tenure of the present parliament, before the end of 1986, although the exact date would depend on the Geneva talks.

His statements were made in an interview with the Madrid newspaper *Diario 16* published Sunday. If Washington and Moscow managed to reach an agreement this year on medium-range nuclear missiles — even if not on the "zero option" — and the process of detente put back in motion, the referendum would be called for 1984, the minister said.

The U.S.-proposed zero option foresees that NATO not to go ahead with its planned



WHERE ARE THEY? Yeller, the resident fisher at Mike's Seafood, in Toms River, New Jersey, emerges from under a sign advertising fish on sale as he prowls the store looking for and hoping for a flounder dinner.

STDs hit Africa

NAIROBI, March 20 (AFP) — Cases of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) in Africa have reached alarming proportions and have increased infection at birth of children, the conference of the African Union Against Venereal Diseases has been told here.

The conference called on African governments to provide facilities for the screening and treatment of pregnant women in antenatal clinics. It also asked them to step up surveillance and control of the serious spread of gonorrhoea resistant to penicillin, which has been identified in 25 African states.

Earlier during the four-day meeting, it was announced that a new drug capable of overcoming penicillin-resistant organisms — augmentin — would be launched here next month.

Angola admits army setback

LUANDA, March 20 (AFP) — Angolan President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos on Sunday admitted that the Angolan Army had suffered military setbacks in its fight against the anti-government Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA).

"The enemy continues to challenge us," Dos Santos said in a speech quoted by the official news agency ANGOP. Referring to the capture of 64 Czechoslovak nationals by the South African-backed movement in southwestern Angola on March 12, Dos Santos called on the army to improve military and technical preparations.

He said the army's "temporary reversals" were due to organizational problems in military training.

Referring to UNITA's destruction of Lomamon Dam in western central Angola on Jan. 18, Dos Santos said Angola would "not admit defeat and every time we experience a reversal we must fight back fiercely... to re-establish the people's confidence in our armed forces in the areas where such incidents occur."

Dos Santos stressed that Angola was currently crossing an "extremely delicate phase" and that its enemies were seeking the opportunity to attack "at every moment."

Moscow rapped

PEKING, March 20 (AFP) — China Sunday accused the Soviet Union of pursuing its efforts to split the United States and its West European allies, despite its failure to influence the West German elections, the New China News Agency reported.

The Soviet Union is "still trying to drive a wedge in U.S.-West European relations by intensifying its propaganda campaign and resorting to louder threats and bluster" on the question of the deployment of Euromissiles, NCNA said.

The agency also said that despite undertakings on the Euromissile issue by Chancellor Helmut Kohl during his election campaign, Bonn now wanted to see a compromise between Washington and Moscow.

At the same time, the United States is beginning to show "signs of flexibility," NCNA said, adding that strife between the West and the Soviets over the Euromissile issue has now become "more conspicuous."

Kaunda in Cyprus

LARNACA, Cyprus, March 20 (AP) — President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia arrived here Sunday for a three-day official visit to Cyprus, a fellow member of the Commonwealth and the nonaligned group of nations.

Cyprus President Spyros Kyprianou welcomed Kaunda at Larnaca Airport and the two leaders then drove to the capital, Nicosia. An official announcement said during his stay Kaunda is to have talks with Kyprianou on the problem of Cyprus and issues connected with the nonaligned movement.

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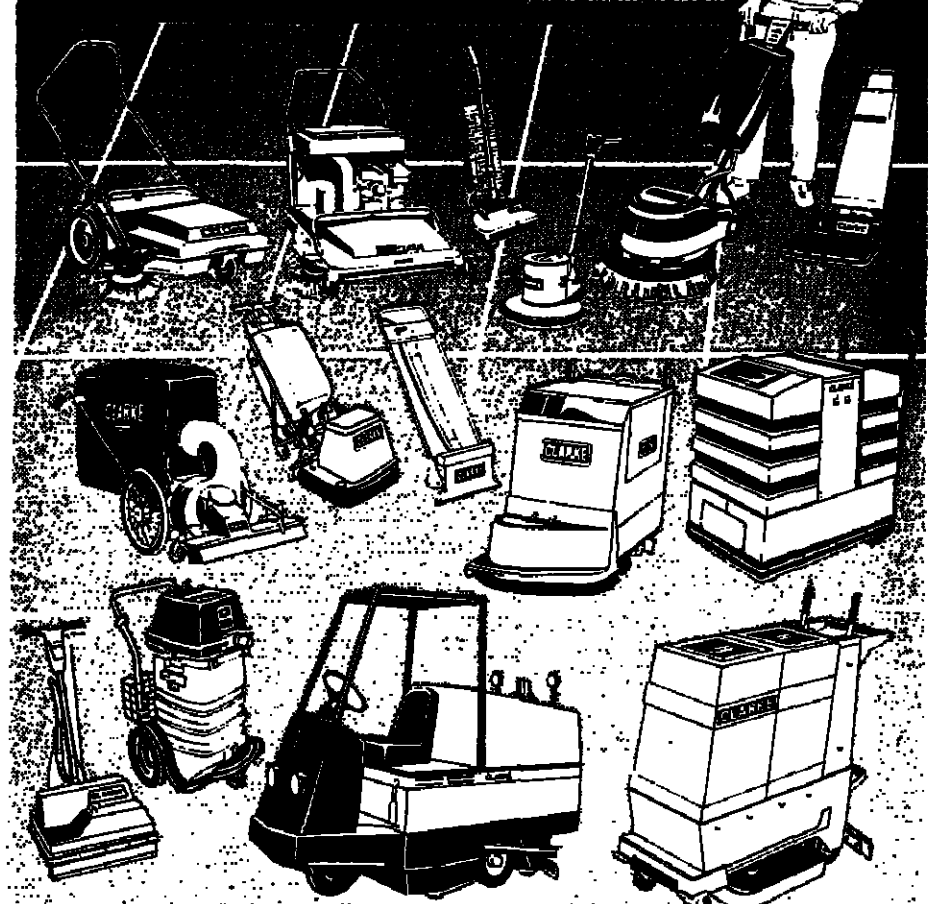
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